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OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

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CONSTITUTION.

1. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of three male representatives from each white Association in the State and one annual male representative appointed by the churches for every ten dollars contributed to its funds, and of such male life members as have been made so by the payment of thirty dollars at any one time to the Treasurer, for the objects of the Convention. No church shall have more than ten representatives. No one shall be a member of the Convention who is not a member in good standing of a Baptist Church in fellowship with us, and no other life member shall be made.

2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College; to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State; to support the gospel in all the destitute sections of the State and of the Southern Baptist Convention; to send the gospel to the nations who have it not; to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the gospel, and to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December.

4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Auditor, and five Trustees, all of whom, except the Trustees (who shall serve during the pleasure of the Convention), shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside and enforce order in accordance with Dr. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law. One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President.

6. The Recording Secretary and his Assistant shall record the proceedings, collect and preserve statistics of the denomination, and publish and distribute the Minutes.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all funds represented in the Convention; make public acknowledgment of the same each week through the *Biblical Recorder*; give his bond to the Trustees; for-

ward, at least once a month, all contributions to their destination; at every meeting of the Convention make a full report of his receipts and disbursements, and, on retiring from his office, turn over to his successor all moneys, papers and books belonging thereto.

8. The Trustees shall secure and hold the title to any and all property belonging to or which may be acquired by the Convention, and take a sufficient bond of the Treasurer. The terms, conditions and amount of the bond shall be fixed by the Trustees, and in case the Treasurer shall refuse or neglect to give his bond within thirty days after his election, the Trustees shall have power to elect a Treasurer. They shall report annually to the Convention.

9. The Auditor shall, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall solicit contributions to the objects of the Convention; assist the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools in the employment and payment of missionaries, and labor to promote the cultivation and development of Christian benevolence.

11. The Education Board shall, so far as it may be able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel.

12. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools shall encourage the churches to give liberally to all the objects of the Convention, so far as the means at its disposal will allow; supply all destitute portions of the State with faithful and efficient ministers of the gospel; give pecuniary aid, as far as can be secured, for building houses of worship at proper points in the State, and in cases where pecuniary aid can not be given, commend them to the beneficence of the churches; encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature in the homes, in the churches and in the Sunday Schools; encourage Sunday School Conventions and Institutes; continue, and so far as it may be able and the growth of this work may require, enlarge the Baptist Book Store, and cooperate with all missionary and Sunday School work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

13. A committee of fifteen members of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools shall be appointed, to whom shall be entrusted the Sunday School and Colportage work conducted by the Convention, the committee to be selected by the Convention annually. It shall be the duty of the committee to manage the Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, and to them shall be committed the appointment of a Sunday School Secretary, or Secretaries, to prosecute the Sunday School

work within the bounds of the Convention. The committee shall provide for establishing new Sunday Schools and increasing the efficiency of existing Sunday Schools, for holding Sunday School Institutes in the different Associations of the Convention, and to organize the Baptist Sunday School workers of the State. The committee is directed to report to the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, and through them to the Baptist state Convention annually.

14. There shall be an Auditor of the Baptist Book Store, who, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, shall examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements and expenditures, vouchers, papers, books and stock on hand, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the report on the Book Store.

15. The Boards shall be appointed annually, and report to each session of the Convention.

16. The Convention year shall close one week before the annual meeting of the body.

17. The Boards of the Convention shall fix the compensation of their respective officers, and that of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

18. The Constitution may be changed or amended at any annual session by two-thirds of the representatives present voting in the affirmative.

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Hester's—J. B. Pruitt, D. H. Pruitt, Oxford.

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MINUTES

OF THE

North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., *December 6, 1899.*

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention met in its Sixty-ninth Annual Session with the First Baptist Church of Asheville, N. C., at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, December 6, 1899.

President R. H. Marsh called the Convention to order, devotional exercises having been conducted by F. L. Cleveland, of Chapel Hill.

The following were appointed a Committee on Enrollment: M. L. Kesler, B. W. Spilman, J. W. Bailey, J. A. Stradley, and A. M. Simms. The committee immediately performed its work and reported 166 messengers present at this hour.

On motion of R. T. Vann, the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, for President of the Convention.

On motion of J. W. Bailey, N. B. Broughton was elected Secretary and Hight C. Moore, Assistant Secretary.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the body: J. W. Bailey, W. F. Watson, John E. Ray, J. M. White, and C. J. Hunter.

Visiting brethren were recognized as follows: R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; R. G. Seymour, Bible Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia;

T. M. Plemmons, of South Carolina; E. Y. Mullins, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; George H. Long, of the Methodist Church, Asheville; A. E. Dickenson, editor of the *Religious Herald*, Richmond; M. D. Jeffries, of Knoxville, Tenn.; J. E. Gwatkin, representing the *Baptist Argus*, of Louisville; J. W. Perry, of South Carolina; W. W. Jones, Troy, S. C.

The Committee on Order of Business was appointed as follows: M. L. Kesler, J. E. White, C. J. Hunter, T. Bright, W. M. Jones.

J. L. Lake, Professor of Physics in Wake Forest College, and A. H. Harnley, pastor of the Tabernacle, New Bern, were introduced to the Convention.

On motion, E. Allison, of Brevard, and G. S. Jones, of Hendersonville, having been life members of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention, were made life members of this body.

On motion of R. T. Vann, ministers of all denominations were invited to seats in the Convention.

J. W. Bailey, for the committee to nominate remaining officers, reported as follows: Vice-Presidents, J. H. Tucker, Lycurgus Hoffer, W. N. Jones; Treasurer, J. D. Boushall; Assistant Treasurer, J. M. Stoner; Auditor, Walters Durham; Corresponding Secretary, John E. White; Trustees, W. C. Tyree, C. M. Cooke, Livingston Johnson, T. H. Briggs, L. R. Mills.

On motion of L. Johnson, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., *December 6, 1899.*

The opening service of song was conducted by E. M. Lightfoot, of Waynesville.

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by R. T.

Vann, of Scotland Neck. Text: Exodus xiii.19.—“And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.”

The Convention was welcomed by W. M. Vines, on the part of the First Baptist Church, and by J. H. Tucker in behalf of the city of Asheville and the Baptists of Western North Carolina. Response on the part of the Convention was made by Livingston Johnson, of Greensboro.

M. L. Kesler, for the committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

THURSDAY.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10 a. m.—American Baptist Publication Society.

10.30 a. m.—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

11.30 a. m.—Foreign Missions and Report on Woman's Work.

1.30 p. m.—Adjournment.

3 p. m.—Periodicals.

3.30 p. m.—Wake Forest College.

Adjournment.

7.30 p. m.—S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

8 p. m.—Home Missions.

Adjournment.

FRIDAY.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10 a. m.—Committee on Destitute Fields in the State.

11 a. m.—Committee on Missions at Manufacturing Centers.

12 m.—Committee on Education in W. N. C. and General Education.

1 p. m.—Sunday Schools.

Adjournment.

7.30 p. m.—Orphanage.

8.30 p. m.—Baptist Female University.

Adjournment

SATURDAY.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10 a. m.—Ministerial Relief.

10.30 a. m.—Historical Papers.

11.30 a. m.—Obituaries.

12 m.—Special Committees.

The President announced the following committees:

Home Missions.—C. S. Blackwell, G. H. Church, J. T. Betts, L. N. Chappell, A. B. Walker, J. L. Morgan.

Orphanage.—W. A. Smith, C. B. Paul, J. L. Shinn, S. D. Swain, J. A. White, W. C. Stradley.

Female University.—O. L. Stringfield, W. R. Teague, R. A. Sentell, E. Allison, J. B. Carlyle, A. H. Harnley.

Obituaries.—F. H. Jones, J. M. White, H. A. Brown, W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Hufham, E. Allison.

State Missions.—J. L. Wilkie, D. P. Bridges, E. A. Myers, J. A. Hoyle, R. O. Pernell, E. M. Lightfoot.

Foreign Missions.—Thomas Hume, J. D. Brevard, C. L. Bagby, J. S. Bridges, R. S. White, W. H. Reddish.

Periodicals.—J. A. Mundy, J. E. Ray, R. H. Herring, T. C. King, S. D. Swain, J. F. Vines.

To Nominate Board of Education.—Thomas Carrick, A. C. Payne, H. Morris, John R. Miller, Z. D. Coggins, B. H. Mathews.

To Nominate Ministerial Relief Board.—B. F. Hester, A. A. Butler, J. S. Barbee, O. T. Edwards, J. B. Jackson, A. H. Sims.

To Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.—Henry Sheets, J. R. Jackson, W. J. Hendricks, R. D. Carroll, J. B. Pruitt, W. H. Sparks.

To Nominate Committee of Fifteen as Sunday School and Colportage Committee.—W. H. Rich, H. Morris, F. Whitley, J. C. Sorrels, C. F. Martin.

Sunday Schools and Colportage.—J. D. Moore, T. B. Moseley, J. F. Parrott, G. N. Cowan, M. A. Love.

Religious Exercises.—Pastors and Deacons of the Baptist churches in Asheville.

To Nominate Preachers and Place of Next Meeting.—W. N. Jones, G. H. Church, J. A. White, B. W. Spilman, C. H. Durham.

Finance.—L. Hoffer, C. J. D. Parker, J. P. Howatt, James Limer.

Woman's Work.—F. L. Cleaveland, A. W. Early, G. M. Duke, A. B. Smith, T. C. Bryson.

Education, Ministerial and General.—J. C. Blasingame, E. J. Harrell, W. B. Waff, J. L. Lake, R. L. Moore, T. E. Skinner.

Cooperation.—A. M. Simms, G. J. Dowell, J. J. Douglass, A. H. Porter, T. B. Justice.

Ministerial Relief.—J. S. Hardaway, W. F. Watson, J. L. Vipperman, S. J. Beeker, R. S. White, S. J. Porter.

John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Convention, presented the Report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, as follows:

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His blessings upon our cause and His guidance in the management of our work, that the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools presents its sixty-ninth annual report to the Convention. We greet you under circumstances of peculiar significance.

Fortunate in the place of your meeting, a distinguished and attractive city, set in the hills of a country famed throughout the world, the home of a sturdy Baptist multitude and a hospitable people.

Fortunate are we especially because of the peculiar significance of a meeting which celebrates the union of all sections of our State in one Convention. It is not the least of the benefits to be derived from this union that those who attend this session of the Convention will learn the lesson which will be impressed upon all who mingle here that Baptists do not draw their character from the soil or section in which they live, but from the truth in which they believe. The union of the two Conventions is not the mixture of diverse and differing peoples, but of those who are and have ever been of "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." They come together as brethren who have a common history, a common faith and identical ideals. It will indeed make blessed our meeting here if we may all realize this truth; if as we part, looking west, the eastern Baptist may say to his western brother, "whither thou goest I will go, thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God," and looking east the western Baptist may linger at the parting with his eastern brother while both realize in their hearts

"We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in Charity."

The Convention from this exalted outlook may profitably look back

JUST TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Then only twenty-four Associations, nineteen of them represented in that session at Oxford, were cooperating in the work of the Convention. Now every Association in the State, fifty-six in number, is cooperating in our work. Then the Baptists of this State gave for Foreign Missions \$2,875.70, and there had gone out from them only two missionaries to the heathen. Now we are giving \$9,000, and since that time thirty-one have gone from the Baptist churches of North Carolina to the Foreign fields, making in all from our churches to the heathen, thirty-seven.

Twenty years ago we were giving, including the Western Convention, \$4,260.05 to State Missions. Now \$20,000.

Twenty years ago to Home Missions \$1,196.38. Now \$5,000.

Twenty years ago the Board of Education was aiding twelve young preachers; now thirty-seven.

Then we had in the State Mission work eighteen missionaries; now one hundred.

Then we had no Orphanage; now a home for our orphan children, liberally sustained and wisely managed.

Then Wake Forest College was struggling for existence. Now it is thoroughly established in the hearts of our people, with a patronage rapidly approaching three hundred, and an endowment and equipment of more than \$250,000.

Then the question of denominational duty in the education of our women had been discussed in only one corner of the State. Now the Baptist Female University, newly opened, challenges the admiration of all and eclipses the record of any State in the South in the Christian education of women.

During the two decades, the Baptists of North Carolina have given to State Missions \$240,316.00; to Foreign Missions \$145,456.00; Home Missions \$68,000.00; to the Orphanage \$89,000.00; to Ministerial Education \$62,000.00, and to all objects included in the schedule of church contributions more than five million dollars.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The year just ended is easily notable as the best your Board has ever reported to the Convention in the following respects:

We have had more missionaries, regular and voluntary, engaged directly in the work of preaching the gospel on State Mission fields. Their reports show greater activity in sermons preached, religious visits made in protracted meetings held, and money collected on the field. More Sunday Schools in operation, more officers and teachers enlisted, more contributions from schools, more pupils enrolled in same and the number of baptisms is larger than last year by 200.

We have raised \$8,499.40 more for the objects of the Convention than last year. Thirty of our largest Associations have increased their pledges to State Missions 23 1-3 per cent over the pledges for the same cause last year, and our Treasurer's report will show that we have done \$1,116.88 better for Home Missions, and \$2,316.44 for Foreign Missions, and \$4,553.16 for State Missions than last year—which was the best year in the history of the Convention in aggregate receipts for these causes.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

It does not require the report of the Board to acquaint the Convention with the fact that the financial needs of the work have been urged with more than usual energy, and that no effort has been omitted to enlist the sympathy and liberality of our people for our State Mission work. Twenty thousand State Mission tracts have been distributed. The Corresponding Secretary has travelled more than thirty thousand miles, made two hundred addresses and sermons, and written 11,000 letters.

The financial situation which the Board confronted January 1st, was as follows: A debt of \$633.00 to the missionaries on the work of the year preceding; an overdraft of \$1,061.07 which was reported to the Convention at Oxford. In addition to this, acting under the instructions of the Convention, the Board had appropriated for this year's work \$5,000 more than in any year previous, making our total liabilities January 1st, including the obligations assumed by Associations for Associational Mission work, more than \$20,000. It is to be noted that this enlargement was made after the meetings of the Associations last year, and was not therefore provided for in the pledges of the churches. Consequently, to meet these greatly increased obligations, an extraordinary effort was necessary. That effort has been made. Nobly have our pastors, churches and people responded to it. During the last week the Treasurer received more than \$6,000.00. Our missionaries have been paid in full except \$416.83—vouchers outstanding due January 15th—the note due at bank December 1st has been paid—the overdraft of \$1,069.07 of long standing is wiped out and with heart full of joy and praise to God for the fidelity, consecration and loyalty of our people we report to the Convention this glorious achievement. It must not, however, be forgotten that our new conventional year began November 1, 1898, and that at the end of the first quarter, February 1, 1900, we will need \$5,000.00 to pay our obligations to the missionaries for that quarter. Let not this great deliverance, at a crucial period of our work—for which we render thanks to God, and for which we rejoice together, be the cause of reaction, and discontinuance of earnest work for State Missions.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the financial condition of the work is the encouraging fact that the churches at the recent Associations have increased their pledges to State Missions for the coming year 33 1-3 per cent, and are now working on a \$20,000 basis.

OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

The Board presents, herewith, a full and complete record of all its appropriations from State Mission funds during the year. This

does not include the amounts appropriated by the Executive Committees of the Associations.

Atlantic Association:

M. P. Davis, by Board	\$115.00
W. L. Bilbro	200.00
R. D. Carroll	250.00
W. H. Dodd	300.00
J. M. Alderman	175.00
C. B. Paul	100.00
J. W. Rose	150.00
H. H. Mashburn	200.00
Joseph Ayden	200.00

Beulah Association:

Ephesus Church	50.00
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Buncombe Association:

T. C. King	75.00
W. P. Sothern	75.00

Caldwell Association:

J. G. Pulliam	250.00
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Cape Fear and Columbus Association:

J. T. Betts	200.00
J. J. Adams and E. N. Pierce	100.00

Central Association:

M. R. Pernell	25.00
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Chowan Association:

W. R. Carawan	175.00
J. E. M. Davenport	75.00
R. R. Overby	170.00

Eastern Association:

J. H. Hildreth	75.00
F. H. Farrington	225.00
B. Ward	50.00
N. A. Shelby	200.00

Green River Association:

J. C. Sorrells	300.00
C. D. Graves	25.00
R. L. Patton	100.00

Kings Mountain Association:

R. N. Hawkins	25.00
G. M. Webb	25.00

Liberty Association:

W. H. Rich	\$100.00
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Liberty and Ducktown Association:

E. D. Cole	50.00
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Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association:

S. F. Conrad	125.00
L. R. Pruett	300.00
J. L. Shinn	100.00
B. Lacy Hoge	350.00
D. W. Austin	25.00

Montgomery Association:

W. L. Wright	100.00
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Mt. Zion Association:

F. L. Cleveland	150.00
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Pee Dee Association:

C. L. Greaves	150.00
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Piedmont Association:

J. A. Summy	25.00
J. C. Hocutt	40.00
J. M. Hilliard	250.00
F. H. Jones	50.00
E. P. Ellington	50.00
Thomas Carrick	75.00

Pilot Mountain Association:

G. V. Tilley	200.00
C. C. Haymore	40.00
Henry Sheets	25.00

Raleigh Association:

J. W. Suttle	300.00
A. A. Pippin	50.00
A. L. Betts	100.00
T. H. Leavett	100.00
D. McLeod	125.00
J. W. Smith	100.00

Sandy Creek Association:

J. M. White	25.00
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South Fork Association:

W. R. Gwaltney	90.00
J. L. Vipperman	90.00
A. M. Ross	50.00

South Yadkin Association:

J. N. Stallings	\$400.00
J. L. Shinn	200.00
C. G. Wells	250.00

Stanly Association:

J. A. McKaughan	250.00
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Stone Mountain Association:

Grant Cothorn	50.00
D. J. Roberts	50.00

Tar River Association:

B. K. Mason	75 90
J. N. Booth	200.00
B. Craige	225.00
R. H. Herring	50.00
G. L. Merrell	150.00
M. L. Kesler	100.00
J. W. Powell	100.00
R. G. Kendrick	100.00
R. H. Gilbert	100.00
W. A. Ayers	50.00
A. Cree	25.00

Tuckaseigee Association:

A. B. Smith	250.00
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Western North Carolina Association:

T. Bright	400.00
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Carolina Association:

T. B. Justice	100.00
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Cooperation:

J. A. Whitted, General Missionary	233.33
P. F. Maloy, District Missionary	133.33
A. B. Vincent, District Missionary	133.33
C. C. Sommerville, District Missionary	133.33
General Missionary Western N. C., A. E. Brown, salary	800.00
District Missionary Madison, Yancey, Mitchell counties, T. M. Honeycutt, salary	300.00
Field Secretary, S. S. Dept., B. W. Spilman, salary	900.00
Cor. Sec., John E. White, salary	830.00
Treasurer, J. D. Boushall, salary	75.00
Stenographer, Miss L. W. Partin, salary	67 50
Mission rooms, rents and incidentals	134.83
Postage, stationery, etc	129.77

N. B. Broughton and H. C. Moore, Secretaries	\$50.00
Printing minutes of Convention	20.00
Expenses Volunteer Mission Corps.....	273.69

STATISTICS OF WORK.

The following, which has been gathered from quarterly reports of missionaries, will give a partial idea of what they have accomplished during the year just ended:

Number of sermons preached	7,028
Churches supplied	262
Out-stations supplied	112
Persons and families religiously visited	13,220
Persons baptized	16,030
Number added by letter	920
Protracted meetings held	288
Professed conversions	2,235
Houses of worship building	78
Houses of worship finished this year	31
Assisted in the organization of churches	33
Number of Bibles and Testaments distributed	460
Money collected for support of pastor on field	\$26,400.00
For building or repairing house of worship	7,250.00
Value of church property on fields	139,000.00
For State Missions	1,396.80
For Associational Missions	389.00
For Foreign Missions	528.00
For Home Missions of the S. B. C.	482.26
For ministerial education	220.60
For Baptist Orphanage	906.83
For Sunday Schools and colportage	154.22
For other objects	4,693.00

Report of Sunday School work of missionaries for the year is as follows:

Number of Sunday Schools on fields	306
Number of pupils enrolled in same	14,625
Number of officers and teachers	1,890
Number of conversions from these schools	486
Members of church at work in Sunday Schools	2,560
New schools organized this year	84
Schools visited	220
Contributions for school expenses	\$2,235.85
Contributions for State Missions	79.40
Contributions for other objects	273.26

THE WORK OF THE BOARD ENLARGING.

The growth of our State Mission field has been constant and natural. The successful occupation of mission points has revealed opportunity in adjacent territories, and as we have increased the number of our missionaries we have discovered destitution before unknown. We believe it is true that no other denomination has surveyed and staked off the religious destitution of North Carolina as have the Baptists. Our field of work as it appears to-day before the Board naturally shapes itself into three divisions—destitution in Eastern North Carolina; the factory problem, and education in Western North Carolina. The work in each presents essential points of difference and requires different methods. In Eastern North Carolina we have large areas of genuine gospel destitution. In the Tar River Association the difficulties to be overcome are peculiar. The destitution to be supplied is that remaining from the intense bitterness of the great missionary controversy of 1834. The backbone of anti-missionism in the whole world is located there. There is not an anti-mission church in any other section of the State or of the world, which is not strengthened, encouraged and rendered more difficult of approach by the anti-mission stronghold in the Tar River Association. That spirit overcome there, its organic life in this State is ended. The distressing feature of the work is the fact that the descendants of those who constitute the anti-mission strength in the Tar River Association are growing up in practical infidelity; they are not joining even the anti-mission churches. If they are reached with the gospel at all, it will be at our hands.

In the Atlantic and Neuse Association we have a different condition. The great masses of the people are in a state of religious unrest. Every imaginable variety of belief flourishes there. The church organizations that exist are for most part nothing more than religious debating societies. It is very apparent, and indeed admitted by the people themselves, that out of this ferment the people need to be led. The disintegration that is going on affords to us a very rare opportunity. But our present force working in that field is manifestly inadequate. In thirteen counties in Eastern North Carolina we have only one Baptist preacher to the county.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.

The Board submits to the Convention some important facts which deserve serious attention with regard to the rapidly increasing factory population in our State. So remarkably has the number of factories multiplied that the condition is rapidly assuming the phase of industrial revolution. The factory population has more than

doubled itself during the past five years. An unfortunate feature of this movement for practical remedy is that there is an apparently unavoidable tendency on the part of this population to form a distinct community which can be reached religiously only by the provision of a separate church and a separate pastor. At some points known to the Board this is not the case, but the exceptions to the rule are few. It is apparent, however, that the more factories established, and the larger the factory population, the more difficult it is going to be for our churches already established in a town or city to furnish adequate and suitable religious privileges. On every hand, in the secular press, in the trade journals, the indications point to a transformation of North Carolina into a manufacturing State within a few years. The failure of agricultural pursuits to prove remunerative, the natural enticement of change and the gregarious instinct of the human family conspire to accelerate this transformation. It is now not a question of "will the people go?" but, "will the factories come?" The answer to this question is furnished by our undeveloped water-power, our cotton fields, railway connection with shipping ports, and the abundance of anxious labor discouraged by unprofitable agriculture, which can be obtained much cheaper than in New England.

The factories are already here, two hundred and fifty of them. Thirty new ones have been established this year, and the most conservative and best-informed factory men express the opinion that in twenty years North Carolina factories will furnish employment to three hundred thousand operatives.

Your attention is called to the fact, and it is here that Baptists are deeply involved, that the people who are to be and are already effected by this movement, are those connected directly or by attachment with Baptist churches. It is in the country that our numerical strength is to be found, and it is from the country that the people are moving at the rate of five hundred a month during the year 1899. It is to be noted also that factories are being built for the most part at or near the towns and cities where Baptists are comparatively weaker and less influential than Pedobaptists. So that the problem that presents itself to your Board is that of Baptist population moving into a Pedobaptist atmosphere where the influences are strong to undermine doctrinal conviction, finally resulting, unless remedy is provided, in an absolute loss from our strength. The only practical plan of operation, as your Board sees it now, is for us to provide every such factory community not otherwise provided for with a preacher, a Sunday School and a church. At present we have only fourteen missionaries who are doing work among the factory people, of whom there are in North Carolina more than one

hundred thousand. This matter as a grave and serious question in our denominational progress should impress upon our churches the necessity for greater contribution and a larger support to State Missions.

EDUCATION.

It has not been customary for your Board to include this department of work in its annual report to the Convention. But so intimately is education connected with missionary development that, in the absence of any agency of the Convention especially devoted to the consideration of this matter as it affects State Missions, we esteem it necessary that we should in this report bring to the attention of the Convention at its present session a statement calling attention to it.

The prevalence of illiteracy in North Carolina is a condition by which the devil always profits, and which hinders the advancement of the Kingdom of God. This illiteracy is not confined to any one section of the State, and broadly speaking, it is a problem for every Association, for every local church. The missionaries of our Board have been urged to encourage by every means in their power the establishment of schools on the mission fields, and much of the progress we have made has been built up around school houses. In Western North Carolina especially, as elsewhere, the lack of educational provision largely accounts for the absence of missionary development. Religiously, it is the best evangelized territory in the world. Too much can not be said in praise of the aggressive evangelistic spirit which has brought this about. That the only remaining problem in Western North Carolina is an educational one presents to this Convention a supreme duty and an imperative obligation. Without recounting the almost limitless possibilities of this section of our State commercially, it should be sufficient for us to know that the cause of Christ in the world and the happiness and greatest usefulness of our people, bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh, in this section will be marvellous conserved by Christian education. It is estimated that in twenty counties of Western North Carolina there are three hundred thousand white people, of these one-third are children under the age of accountability. Of the population which has reached the age of accountability there are, according to the census of 1890, 125,000 professing Christians, or communicants of all churches; and of these, according to the minutes of Associations covering this territory, 75,000 are members of Baptist churches. It is, therefore, a fact conceded by other denominations that Western North Carolina is a Baptist section. Obligation of any kind to benefit these people is a Baptist obligation. The waste of

power by the undevelopment of intellect is a Baptist loss. The mountain boy potentially a Vance or a Clingman but for lack of education, is a Baptist boy. The mountain girl who becomes the mother of a sturdy family without that equipment so fortunate for humanity, is a Baptist woman. It should greatly emphasize our duty, as it should also quicken our diligence, that other denominations are expending thousands of dollars in schools in this section, and that there are five times as many Pedobaptist schools as there are schools even under Baptist control. Whoever educates the child will have the man. Whoever provides the school will furnish the church. Along with the spelling book there is going a catechism or that subtler influence from the hand that gives it which wins sympathy and following. Behind the catechism there is the preacher, and behind the preacher there will soon be a church. The head of one of these schools said to a representative of the Board, "The people are Baptists, we recognize that, but if you Baptist people are not able or willing to do this work, we must do it." It is a hopeful fact which your Board reports that our brethren in the Western counties are not unmindful of the educational destitution, and are anxiously ready for cooperation in the effort to relieve it. In their Associations during the past summer the pastors and the brethren have discussed the situation, and there is common agreement that Baptists should educate Baptist children, and that they must do it or be recreant to an imperious necessity.

At the last session of the Convention a committee was appointed to confer with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to educational and mission work in Western North Carolina. The result of that conference held in Atlanta during the month of June was the approval by the Home Mission Board of a plan submitted and discussed before them for which they made the appropriation applied for. In outline this plan provides for the establishment and equipment of four schools of the same grade as Mars Hill College in Madison County. These schools are to be located at strategic points in the four natural divisions of Western North Carolina, to be selected in each instance by the Associations cooperating to establish it. To provide such rates of tuition as will place the schools within the reach of our people. To assist young men preparing themselves for the Baptist ministry and such as already in the ministry seeking educational advantages in obtaining academic instruction. To provide a professorship in each school of theology and Bible study suited to the needs of our preachers who will avail themselves of its benefits. To provide also for a series of pastors' institutes in each territory under the direction of the above-mentioned teacher, assisted by members of the Vol-

unteer Mission Corps who are equipped for this kind of work. These institutes to be held during the summer months. One of these schools is already splendidly established at Mars Hill College, and is executing as far as possible these plans during the current year. Another has been located by the Tuckasegee, Tennessee River, Liberty and Ducktown and Western North Carolina Associations at Sylva, Jackson County, on property donated, together with a cash contribution of \$500.00. Another at Fruitland, Henderson County, for the southwestern mountain section, which is already doing splendid work. The other school will probably be located in Wilkes County for the northwestern section of our mountain territory. It is evident that for the complete success of this carefully devised plan, we will need more money than has yet been provided. It will require not less than \$1,000 a year for each school. The Board recommends that the Convention endorse the plan and encourage our people throughout the State to increase their contributions to State Missions so that the Board will be enabled to do its part in the complete establishment and adequate equipment of these schools.

On February 19th, after consultation with our brethren in Western North Carolina, the Board elected Rev. A. E. Brown General Missionary for Western North Carolina, at a salary of \$800.00 and expenses. He entered the field on June 15th. The Board is gratified that the wisdom of the selection has been increasingly indicated by advices from every source, and feels it but just to say that Brother Brown has justified every expectation by his ability, energy and discretion in the performance of his work. We herewith place before the Convention his report.

Report of A. E. Brown, General Missionary.

I entered upon the work of General Missionary for Western North Carolina in June of the present year. I have not spared myself in any hardship consequent to the duties of my office. I have traveled over 3,000 miles, mostly by private conveyance, and spoken to over 25,000 people. I have confined my efforts mainly to the territory formerly occupied by the Western Convention. The work has consisted in visiting churches and attending Associations, laying before them the work of missions and the importance of education. I have visited eighty-five churches and eleven Associations. My work has extended into eleven counties and the churches in Georgia and Tennessee which belong to our Convention.

In this territory there are about 300 churches and 200 ordained ministers. The churches and pastors for the most part are well disposed toward the work of our Convention, when it is properly laid before them, but living as they do, remote from the markets, they

handle very little money. A goodly number of these churches worship in public school houses and pay their pastors a very meager salary, if indeed it can be called a salary at all, consequently the pastors support their families by engaging in farming or other secular employment, and preaching is a sort of side line with them. The pastors while uneducated are men of sterling worth and need help, and many of them would appreciate any effort to lift them to a higher plane of work. This can be done by Bible schools and furnishing them with libraries to be paid for in monthly instalments. I am convinced that many of them would gladly take advantage of such opportunities should they be offered—indeed all of them to whom I have suggested such a plan have been eager to accept it.

Feeling that education was the key to the situation which confronts us in this part of the State, I have bent my energies in that direction and the prospects are that within the next year three new schools of high grade will be opened. The Carolina Association has established their school at Fruitland, six miles east of Hendersonville. They have in course of construction a handsome building which will cost \$3,000 to finish and equip. It is well located and will have a large territory to draw from. They expect to have the first story ready for occupancy by the first of January. The school is already in operation with three teachers and more than 150 students.

The Mitchell County Association has purchased, at a nominal sum, an unfinished school building in Bakersville, and expect to start a school early in the new year.

Arrangements are being made to erect a large up-to-date school building at Sylva, in Jackson County, to be under the control of the Tuckasegee and Tennessee River Associations. It will occupy, to my mind, one of the most important fields in the mountains.

Two other schools are in contemplation—one in Burnsville, the other at some point in Cherokee County, not yet determined.

I am hoping much from these schools. Ignorance is a foe to progress. Education broadens and gives a higher view of life and that is what we need.

The points in this territory which are aided by the Board are doing well. Brother Bright has succeeded in raising the debt off the parsonage property in Murphy, and the prospects for Baptists in this field are brightening. Bro. A. B. Smith has done an excellent year's work at Dillsboro and surrounding country. A new church has been established near that town as a result of his labors. The meeting house at Weaverville has been completed sufficiently to occupy. There being no pastor to look after that field since the removal of Rev. W. W. Jones to another State, Capt. J. H. Stradley has taken

the work of finishing the house upon himself, and having interested some friends, it bids fair to be completed at an early date. There are other points in this section which should be strengthened—such as Robbinsville, the county town of Graham County; Hayesville, the county town of Clay County, and Sylva, which is to be the seat of one of our schools.

As I look back over my six months' experience on this field I am greatly encouraged. For two years disintegrating forces have been at work in our midst which had alienated some of our people and so lessened the contribution for Conventional Missions that last year they amounted to only \$383.20. This year the contributions for the same purpose will be more than twice that amount, and the people are rapidly falling into line again. This is a most difficult field, the fact that it is filled with dormant churches makes it so. But still it is a hopeful field. It is largely Baptist, but whether it remains so depends upon wise and persistent effort. Strong efforts are being made to wrest it from our grasp. We may expect to spend more money in this work for a few years than it returns to our mission treasuries, but there is every indication that a new era of growth in consecration and cooperation is dawning in Western North Carolina.

A. E. BROWN,
General Missionary.

THE VOLUNTEER MISSION CORPS.

The second year's work of the Volunteer Mission Corps has been in many respects more satisfactory than last year. Some things have been learned by experience, and while not all those who were given appointments have filled them, the results from the meeting held by those who did go more than offsets the loss from their failure. The list of volunteers was increased during the year to one hundred and twenty. Indeed it is practically true that not a single pastor to whom the letter of invitation was sent declined to volunteer. Few features of our denominational history are more noteworthy than this, and no movement has had a greater moral effect upon our progress. In other States of the Southern Baptist Convention the fire has spread. The following is a report in total of the work that has been done this year by the Volunteer Missionaries:

Days of service, 493.

Number of sermons, 696.

Attendance upon meetings, 7,265.

Number of enquirers, 451.

Number of professed conversions, 391.

Special collections for State Missions. \$224.68.

Travelling expenses, \$273.69.

COOPERATION.

Cooperation between the Colored Baptist State Convention and American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board agreed to for a new term by our Convention last year, has gone on during the year just ended successfully. One General Missionary and three District Missionaries are employed for all their time, holding "New Era" Institutes working with the churches, organizing them and inciting colored Baptists to larger missionary undertakings. It is just that we should speak of the diligence of these men and their wisdom in dealing with the difficult and delicate questions which have arisen to hinder and discourage their work. The success achieved by the plan of cooperation during four years is remarkable.

In 1895 the negro Baptists in our State reported to their Convention only about \$300.00 for all missionary and educational purposes. At the recent session in New Bern their Treasurer reported \$4,500 for these objects.

To indicate something of the value of the work of cooperation as well as to show the volume of work performed we submit below a resume of the past four years prepared at our solicitation by the General Missionary, Rev. J. A. Whitted:

"In compliance with your request for data respecting the work of cooperation in North Carolina for the four years ending October 31, 1899, allow me to say we have labored altogether 1,110 weeks. During this time 237 institutes have been held in different sections of the State. Four hundred and eighty-one colored lecturers have aided in these meetings, 245 white. The aggregate attendance of ministers was 2374. The aggregate attendance of congregations, 130,000. Besides this 2,147 addresses on the work and on all practical and religious subjects have been given by our missionaries; 1,550 sermons; 1,133 churches visited; 126,423 miles travelled; \$9,727.15 collected for the different objects of the Convention.

"The institutes have been rightly called "New Era" Institutes, for they mark a new era in the colored Baptist ministry of our State. There was never such a demand for the proper books as we have now among our ministers, and a more efficient service is manifest everywhere. The people themselves instructed in the institutes are demanding not only efficient men for their pulpits, but men of moral and spiritual qualifications.

"A wonderful change is seen in our church meetings, in our Associations and in our Conventions. Wrangling and disagreement have given way to the pleasant and profitable employment of devising

plans and proper methods of enlargement and development of Christian work.

"New activity and life are seen in every organization connected with the Baptists of the State. Their Foreign Mission work has so improved that the State now takes the lead in contributions. Their educational work was never so assuring as at this time. An assistant professor will be paid out of its educational fund, a number of young men assisted in the study of the ministry and a number of our young women assisted in the pursuit of an education.

"The past year has been given largely to systematizing our work and the results have been far beyond our expectation.

"Our receipts in the past four years as compared to the previous years has been ten to one. Cooperation has simply brought about revolution in our State. We can not speak so positively about the good it has brought to the white people, and yet we know they have been benefitted to some extent. Their gifts of money, time and talent in helping us to carry on the work have brought to them blessings untold. This is but the fulfillment of our Saviour's teachings when He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"The work has brought the races more in touch with each other, and we have every reason to thank God for this act of His providence in bringing to our State its greatest blessing."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee of fifteen from the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools to which the Convention commits the Sunday School work in North Carolina, Colportage and the Baptist Book Store, submit through the Board to the Convention the following report:

Your committee presents herewith a report of the work done in the field of Sunday School work, through the statement of Rev. B. W. Spilman, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Department:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT, 1899, BY B. W. SPILMAN.

The year just closing has been the best for the Sunday School work in the history of the new movement for helping Sunday School workers, started in Greensboro in 1895. I submit my fourth annual report.

The work of creating an interest in Sunday School work has been pushed along the usual lines. At many points in the State Sunday School Rallies have been held. I have attended eighteen of these. Sunday School Institutes were held during the spring and summer months. Engagements for five Sunday School Institutes had to be cancelled on account of the snow in February and of the prevalence of smallpox in the State later in the winter.

There was instituted during the year the plan of securing men familiar with Sunday School work to hold Sunday School Institutes.

The Sunday School Committee made an appropriation of fifty dollars for this work. Under this plan Bro. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, John E. Ray, of Raleigh, and Prof. C. C. Crittenden, of Wilson, were secured for work in Sunday School Institutes.

Two District Chautauquas were held during the year. The Eastern Chautauqua met at Scotland Neck in July, and was well attended. The musical feature was especially prominent. The Mountain Chautauqua held its second session in Mars Hill, Madison County, and was in every way a success. People were registered in attendance from six different States and from twenty different counties. A large tabernacle is to be built, and everything points to the building up of a great summer gathering for the study of the Bible and methods of Sunday School work.

During November a school for Bible study was conducted for a week at Buie's Creek, in Harnett County. The school was conducted on the school plan, two topics being discussed each day and studied during the interval. The attendance and interest manifested far exceeded my expectation.

The State Sunday School Chautauqua met in its seventh annual session in Shelby in July. It drew Sunday School workers from every section of the State, many attending from the mountains and from as far east as Elizabeth City and Morehead City. The course of normal lessons by Dr. C. R. Blackall, of Philadelphia, was the special feature.

In connection with the summer school at Wake Forest there was held a Sunday School Institute. Bro. N. B. Broughton directed the meeting.

The Baptist Female University has provided for a course of lectures on Sunday Schools.

It had been planned that I should attend fifteen of the Associations in the interest of Missions. A slight attack of malarial fever prevented my attending eight of them. I attended seven. A summary of the meetings attended is as follows:

State Chautauqua	1
Summer School, Wake Forest	1
Bible School, Buie's Creek	1
District Chautauquas	2
Associations	7
S. S. Rallies	18
S. S. Institutes	38

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In addition to the above meetings addresses were delivered in various sections of the State, the work having been in 41 counties and 35 Associations, including in all 352 sermons and addresses.

During the year departments for Sunday School workers have been conducted in the *Biblical Recorder* by Pastor H. C. Moore, New Bern; in the *North Carolina Baptist* by Prof. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest College, and in *Charity and Children* by myself.

Something has been done toward providing a correspondence course for Sunday School workers. It is hoped to offer it to the Sunday Schools of the State during the early weeks of 1900.

December 30, 1898, the Sunday School Committee ordered that "B. W. Spilman is charged with the duty of organizing an increased interest in the colportage work by inducing churches and associations to appoint colporters, and the Baptist Book Store be instructed to offer the best possible inducements to promote the colportage work." I have on hand letters from every section of the State urging the necessity for colportage work. Something has been done—at best very little. Beyond the work of about a third of the State Missionaries who sold a few books as opportunity offered, and six or eight Associational and Volunteer Colporters practically nothing has been done in this line. The need is urgent, but how to supply it is a problem not yet solved. The matter will gradually be brought to the attention of the Associations, and it is hoped that something may be done.

June was selected by the Sunday School Committee as Sunday School month, and an appeal was sent out to the Sunday Schools of the State for a contribution for the Sunday School work.

In response to this appeal about \$250 has been received. This does not represent the amount of contribution by the Sunday Schools for this object. It was in several instances noted that in a reply to the appeal would be, "Our Sunday School at A——— will take collection in June for Sunday Schools. We will raise \$5.00." Then in the latter part of June or first of July an acknowledgment appears in the *Recorder*, "State Missions, Sunday School A——— \$5.00."

Below I submit financial statement:

<i>Salary.</i>		
For November, 1898.....	\$50.00	
December 1, 1898 to December 1, 1899.....	875.00	
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Total salary for 13 months.....		\$925.00
<i>Expenses.</i>		
To volunteers holding Institutes.....	10.65	
Expenses to Mars Hill Chautauqua.....	16.00	
Attending Associations.....	21.45	
Postage, stationery, fixtures.....	42.71	
Traveling expenses.....	77.47	
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		1,093.28

COLPORTAGE.

The best system of colportage work is that which makes every Baptist not only a reader of good literature, but the active unit in the propaganda of good literature. It is our plan to encourage this through the agency of the Baptist Book Store. Our efforts in this direction have been especially successful in cooperation with the missionaries of the Board. Each missionary is urged to carry a stock of books, and is furnished with such as he thinks he can dispose of without any actual money outlay on his part, his account with the Store being charged to the Board of Missions. Forty of the missionaries this year have been enlisted in this plan, and have sold \$873.70 worth of books, Bibles and Testaments, and have distributed tracts on missionary and doctrinal subjects. We have also about ten colporters working under the direction and by the appointment of Associations. In addition to this should be mentioned the large number of pastors who keep a stock of books and other literature for distribution among their people.

It should be evident to all that there has been no time in our history when the Baptists in North Carolina should be so watchful against pernicious literature and so active in offsetting the hurtful zeal of those who propagate error and ism, by a vigorous distribution of books, tracts and papers which maintain and defend the truth. Your committee has had many applications for cheap Bibles and Testaments for gratuitous distribution among the poor who were in want of such literature, and the indifferent who were in need of it. We have been compelled to answer these applications with the statement that we have no fund with which these could be supplied. Could the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools do better than to set aside \$500.00 each year for colportage and Bible distribution?

THE BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

This department of the work continues to vindicate the wisdom which eighteen years ago established the Baptist Book Store. During the past year the Store has increased its business \$1 535.14 over last year. Upon reference to the Treasurer's books it will be seen that the Store has paid out of its profits on the appropriations made by the Board of Missions the sum of \$600.

The need of capital is more and more realized as the Store seeks to serve our preachers and Sunday Schools in supplying books and literature. If the Convention can provide the Store with \$1,000 as working capital, the Store can engage to return to State Missions on the amount annually over and above its present contribution.

Below is submitted a statement which shows what the business has been during the year and the present financial condition of the Store:

Business of Baptist Book Store for Twelve Months, Showing Amount of Business and Profits on same by Months Since December 1, 1898.

Month.	Amount of Business.	Profits.
1898.		
December	\$1,465.10	\$269.77
1899.		
January	711.98	139.65
February	241.99	48.26
March	1,323.66	221.91
April	755.39	147.67
May	467.82	92.46
June	1,487.61	271.79
July	618.26	121.98
August	658.25	90.08
September	1,515.99	279.80
October	634.46	125.35
November	569.40	112.85
	10,449.91	1,921.97

ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE BOOK STORE.

November 30, 1899.

By merchandise		\$3,144.71
By accounts		2,500.78
Paid salaries account missionaries		600.00
" donations and discounts		225.13
" furniture and fixtures		340.00
" Baptist Almanac		100.00
" cash		633.43
	Dr.	
To liabilities	\$3,115.39	
To donations	825.13	
To balance	3,603.53	
		7,544.05
By balance		7,544.05
		3,603.53

MISSION ROOMS.

The increased business of the Baptist Book Store, and the necessity for a larger and less public place for the meeting of the Board, has made it necessary for changes in the local home of the Board.

The Book Store has the room at the rear of the first floor of the building which was formerly occupied by the Board. And the Board's rooms are now in larger and better quarters on the second floor of the building. Most favorable terms were granted by Mrs. Annie S. Bailey, the owner of the property. The Board and its officers can now transact its work much better than under the formerly crowded conditions.

At some future time the Convention should consider the advisability of buying and owning a building for Baptist headquarters in Raleigh.

HOME MISSIONS.

The success of every interest to which Southern Baptists are committed is in a measure dependent upon the efficiency and support given to our Home Mission Board. Its work is basal work, and is important not only in preparing the way and laying the foundations upon which the denomination may build, but also in fostering and developing weak and important interests in many of our Southern States. It has been said that "Home Missions have always been the chief source of all other missionary and educational enterprises." Dr. A. J. Rowland has said:

"If we are ever going to enlarge our missionary forces abroad, reinforce old fields and occupy new ones, we must develop our resources at home. The truth is, the extension of the Foreign Mission work during the past quarter of a century is due in no small degree to the results of Home Mission operations. There are hundreds of churches all over our land which are now pouring their offerings into our Foreign Mission treasury which were founded and fostered by our Home Mission Boards. If enlargement is to go on in the foreign work it must be by the same processes."

The field of our Home Board embraces all the States south of and including Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri, together with Oklahoma and Indian Territories, and the Island of Cuba.

The work of the Board is largely cooperative and is naturally divided into the following general departments: Mountain Regions, Frontier Work, Foreign Population, Work Among the Negroes, Work in Cities and Cuba.

The name Sunday School Missionary was changed by the Sunday School Committee to Sunday School Field Secretary.

MOUNTAIN REGIONS.

Including West Virginia, the territory thus described embraces an area of two hundred thousand square miles. It comprises parts of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ten-

nessee, Kentucky and Alabama. The last annual report of the Home Mission Board contains the following reference to the importance of this department of its work:

"The expressed desire of the Convention that the Board should do more for the mountain people, has not been accompanied by the necessary increase of funds that would enable the Board to execute in full its wishes in this matter.

"Many of the reports of the Board bear witness to the fact that it has not failed to appreciate the importance of this field, or been dilatory in its efforts to supply its needs.

"The *New York News*, one of our most prominent political journals, says of this region, after describing a part of it which embraced about one hundred thousand square miles, that this small area possesses greater natural resources than any tract of a million square miles to be found anywhere on the globe.

"It is well known that the great majority of these mountaineers are Baptists. Their isolation has been the great barrier to their progress. They need more and better schools, more instructive preachers, everything that will give them a broader outlook, thus enabling them to appreciate the advantages of their condition and to utilize them, not only for their own good, but for that of the world at large."

FRONTIER WORK.

The time was when what are now Baptist strongholds in States east of the Mississippi River constituted what is known as frontier stations, and were helped by the Home Mission Board. The frontier line has gradually receded westward, until it may be described as beginning at the Kansas line and extending southward to the Rio Grande, thence along that river to the sea. It comprises an area of, approximately, a thousand miles in length by five hundred miles wide. It embraces the whole of Oklahoma and Indian Territories and portions of Arkansas and Texas.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

In our great cities are gathered the great body of the foreign population of our Southern country. In the country places the Board has done work in the interior towns in Missouri, in Oklahoma, in El Paso and the contiguous parts of Arizona, and, in cooperation with the State Board of Texas, in the central parts of that State, and in Austin, San Antonio and along the Mexican border.

The principal work of the Board has been done in Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis and Kansas City.

This is a work, the importance of which is not appreciated by

our people. The thousands of foreigners coming to our country annually must be evangelized if they are to become useful citizens.

IN THE CITIES.

While the work of the Home Board has been very largely in the country, the growing towns and cities have not been neglected. It has been said:

If you should select one hundred of the most important towns and cities in the Southern States, you would find on examination that churches in at least ninety of the hundred had been helped by the Home Mission Board. You would further find that in the capital of every State within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, with one solitary exception, churches in the day of their weakness have been helped by the Home Mission Board. Also in the capital of this nation churches of both races have in their beginning received financial aid from this same agency.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

The proper religious training and moral guidance of the Negro is a responsibility peculiarly committed to Southern Baptists. The work of the Board among the negroes is chiefly cooperative work under what is known as the Fortress Monroe plan. This work has proven eminently satisfactory in the development of Christian character and improving the condition of the Negro.

This character of cooperative work has been carried on in the States of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. It is probable that the work will soon be taken up in Texas.

CUBA.

By agreement, there has been a division of territory in Cuba between the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York and the Home Board, it being agreed that the former shall occupy the two Eastern Provinces, and the latter shall confine its missionary labors to the four Western Provinces. This gives to Southern Baptists an opportunity of doing far more mission work in Cuba than contributions enable the Home Board to carry on. The Board has its work well established in three Provinces. In Havana Province under the supervision of Dr. Diaz. In Matanzas Province, Rev. J. V. Cova is the General Missionary for that Province, while Rev. J. R. O'Halloran is in charge of the work in Santa Clara Province. The work is prospering at a number of points in these Provinces. There is a great demand for more preachers and teachers.

LAST YEAR'S WORK.

The last annual report of the Home Mission Board stated: "The report of the Board for the year just closed is the best ever made to the Convention.

"The number of missionaries employed this year was 653 against 467 last year. Baptisms this year 6,552 against 4,739 last year. Total additions to churches this year 12,983 against 9,509 last year. Sunday Schools organized this year 512 with 14,768 teachers and pupils, against 297 with 7,710 teachers and pupils last year."

SINCE 1845.

The Home Mission Board has sent out under annual appointment, since its organization, 7,270 missionaries who have reported 160,863 additions to churches, and have constituted 2,789 churches. It has established about one-seventh of all the white churches within the Southern Baptist Convention.

NORTH CAROLINA AND THE HOME BOARD.

By the union of the Western North Carolina Convention with the North Carolina State Convention, our dependence on the Home Mission Board has been increased. We are gratified to be able to report that in recognition of our increased responsibility the Home Board has promptly granted such increased appropriation as, in the judgment of our Board, it seemed proper to suggest for the current year.

In addition to the amount of over \$600 being expended by the Home Board in cooperative work among the negroes in North Carolina, it is in cooperation with our State Board in our general educational and mission work. It has appropriated for the present Southern Baptist Conventional year, and is paying into the treasury of our Board, for this purpose, the sum of \$3,000.

APPEAL.

In the light of what this Board has accomplished in the past, of the important work in which it is now engaged, and of the great need for enlargement, we commend to the prayerful consideration and the active support of every Baptist in North Carolina, the appeal of the Home Mission Board for increased contributions. It has stated that to carry forward the work committed to it, with any proper degree of efficiency, it needs not less than one hundred thousand dollars in cash contributed by the churches. Of this amount North Carolina Baptists ought to give during the coming year \$6,000. The growing interest and intelligence of our people in Home Missions, which is in no small degree due to the active and able efforts

of J. C. Caddell, North Carolina's Vice-President of this Board, indicates that we will reach this amount.

Your Board in concluding report on Home Missions would in behalf of North Carolina Baptists extend to Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the new Corresponding Secretary of the Board, the heartiest greetings of sympathy and good-will.

We will also express our love and honor for the retiring Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who has been, in the judgment of your Board, during the past twenty years, as an individual, the greatest factor in the development of Southern Baptists, and whose cooperation and assistance is still a vital power in the successful management of our Home Mission work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

In submitting our report for the general work, we would leave it incomplete except mention were made of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. This Board is coordinate with the Home and Foreign Boards, and stands as an agency of the Convention for the furtherance of its work along certain lines and in behalf of a great interest.

As set out in this report, to the recent session of the Convention in Louisville, this Board had last year the most prosperous year in its history, and is becoming more and more a factor in our denominational life, helping all the other great interests that are fostered by the Convention.

Its benevolence during the last Convention year in appropriations of cash and books and tracts and Bibles and periodicals and missionary boxes amounted to over twelve thousand dollars, and in eight years to nearly seventy-five thousand dollars, besides the enlargement of its business in every department of work.

This enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention has developed into a great business under the absolute ownership and control of the Convention, and for the advancement of all the Convention's interests—a business which, measured by its income making power, is easily worth two hundred thousand dollars and has been built up without the investment of any money capital on the part of the denomination.

The periodicals and publications of the Board are well adapted to meet the needs of our people, and especially directed to forward the interests which we as a denomination have in hand.

(1) A full line of Sunday School periodicals, with all that is needed for the equipment of a Sunday School.

(2) A Convention Almanac, published annually, edited by Dr. Lansing Burrows, full of facts and incidents in denominational life-

and also setting out all the work of the Convention, following in order the Mission Card prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union.

(3) The Story of Yates the Missionary, written by Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, and setting out in a wonderful way the life-work of our great missionary to China.

(4) A Great Trio, a paper-bound book consisting of three charming lectures before the Seminary at Louisville, by Dr. W. R. L. Smith, having for his subjects Jeter, Fuller and Yates.

(5) Restricted Communion, a tract of 70 pages, by J. M. Frost, and also a full line of catechisms by John A. Broadus, Basil Manly and others.

All these periodicals and publications are issued by the Board for the Convention, being entirely under its control and ownership.

The Bible Department of the Sunday School Board stands for the Bible work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Contributions to its Bible Fund entitles to representation in the sessions of the Convention. The Board last year sent out nearly twelve thousand copies of the Word of God into destitute places, making its appropriations for the most part through the missionaries of the State Board and the Home Board. Bibles have been sent out on the frontier, also for distribution among the immigrants in Baltimore, among Cuban refugees in Florida, also to Africa and to Cuba. No one can forecast the harvest which may come from this sowing of the Seed of Life. We commend this work to the thoughtful consideration of our people, counting it worthy of their support and contribution.

The Board makes special effort for the training of the young in missionary thought and life through its Kind Words and mission articles in the Teacher, and other mission publications. In addition to this, it has two special days in the Sunday Schools—namely, Missionary Day, the last Sunday in September, and Children's Day, the second Sunday in June. Programs are prepared and furnished without cost for these services, in whatever quantities may be needed and as the school may desire. The educational value of these services can hardly be overestimated. The money that is collected from Missionary Day, though sent directly to the Sunday School Board, is forwarded to the Home and Foreign Boards, being divided equally between these two Boards unless otherwise designated. The money which comes from Children's Day in June goes to the credit of the Bible Fund, and for every dollar that is received the Board appropriates another dollar from its business, and so makes every contribution do double service in sending out Bibles and Testaments to destitute places.

The great ultimate end of all this work of the Board is for the

advancement and improvement of our Sunday School condition. There are thousands of churches among us that have no Sunday School, and the Sunday Schools we have need advancement in many ways. The Home Department in the Sunday School is intended to carry the Word of God into the family circle; and we need, both in the school and in the home, to emphasize afresh the Bible as the very Word of God. The boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow; and there is tremendous power in the printed page for the making of men. We need to enlarge the Sunday School thought and purpose. Here is a great mission field for missionary sowing and a missionary harvest. Here we lay the foundations for future usefulness.

The Convention, in its Sunday School Board, is carrying forward the Sunday School cause and seeking in every way to foster the great interests for the furtherance of its work. The appeal of the Convention for this Board is not less urgent than its appeal for the Home and Foreign Boards. It is worth our while, in view of the great interests we have in hand, to carry the Sunday School Board into all our churches. There is hardly a more effective way in which to build up and strengthen and carry forward our work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The highest and most unselfish and Christ-like form of Christian service and missionary effort is that which looks to the evangelization of the entire race. No one can be a missionary in the true sense, in the sense in which our Master was and in which He desires us to be, without taking upon His heart the bearing of the message to all people and the bringing of all people to Christ. The crown of our Baptist people in this fair State is that they have always sustained an earnest and sympathetic attitude toward this world-wide department of the Lord's work, giving to it not only of their money, but many of their best men and women.

Rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and believing in the helpfulness of fellowship and the strength of cooperation, we have always done our Foreign Mission work, in company with our brethren of other States, through the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C. Hence, to discuss *our* Foreign Mission work is to discuss that Board and its work.

At the last session of the Convention, which was held last May in Louisville, the Board reported a fine year's work. During the fiscal year, ending April 30th, the Board had received from the benevolence of our people \$108,716.06, which added to a gift or two from outside sources and to the income from some invested funds, gave the Board an aggregate income of \$109,267.43. This was sev-

eral thousand dollars less than the receipts of the year preceding. But this falling off was not unnatural under all the circumstances, and is not to be regarded as an indication that the interest of our people in the work was less than formerly. In this connection it is very gratifying to note that our State not only did not fall off but made an encouraging gain in its contributions, giving \$8,092.91, as against \$7,839.63 the year before. It is also gratifying that notwithstanding the falling off in the receipts, the Board conducted its business in such a way as to report no debt, with a small balance on hand.

For our own fiscal year just closed our State has given \$10,640.34, which is a gain of \$1,855.05 over last year. For this we thank God and take courage.

The last report of the Foreign Board to which we referred above, was exceedingly inspiring as to the work accomplished. During the year '98, the period covered by the statistical part of the report, there were 845 baptisms on the six fields now occupied. This is far the largest number ever reported. The report showed 100 churches, and 140 out-stations, 82 missionaries, and 128 native helpers, a net gain of 712 members and a membership of 5,347.

Having its spirit stirred by the thrilling facts of this splendid report, the Convention, by a rising unanimous vote, instructed the Board to plan the work this year on the basis of a 25 per cent increase. Under this instruction the Board has sent out ten new missionaries since the Convention, and is planning for larger things. The latest advices that we have from Richmond bring us the good tidings that there is a general spirit of enlarged liberality among the churches, which has brought the contributions up to date to a considerably higher point than they were at a similar date last year. And, what is much better news, that the Lord's blessings upon the field are exceeding abundant, one of the fields having baptized in the first nine months of '99 a larger number of converts than for the whole of '98, which, as already shown, was much the most blessed year up to date.

In the face of such facts we are of the opinion that all our hearts ought to be stirred, and that our gifts ought to flow into the treasury with an ever increasing generosity. The Foreign Board requests us to give during its current fiscal year \$9,000. We recommend that this Convention approve the request, and pledge ourselves heart and hand to raise the amount.

While the Board has already sent out ten new missionaries since the Convention we learn from the Corresponding Secretary several other good men and women are needed for stations imperatively calling for reinforcement.

We recommend that this Convention and our people throughout all

our State pray that the Lord may honor and bless us by calling from among us some of our brightest and best to go. We pray that North Carolina may in the future as in the past give not only her money but her men, that the splendid line beginning with Yates may have an unbroken succession, that the stream of consecrated life going out from among us to refresh the foreign field may continue with ever increasing volume, and that the spirit of worldwide missions among our people may be ever at flood tide.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The following is the list of members of Central Committee, and Vice-Presidents of Associations for 1900, approved by the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools:

Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Mrs. Egerton, Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Mrs. J. W. Carter, Miss Maude Reid, Mrs. W. N. Jones, Mrs. J. C. Ellington, Miss E. Briggs, Mrs. A. M. Simms, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Atlantic—Mrs. Hight Moore, New Bern.
Neuse—Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston.
Central—Mrs. William Royall, Wake Forest.
Beulah—Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Milton.
Chowan—Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, Elizabeth City.
Columbus and Cape Fear—Mrs. J. G. Blalock, Whiteville.
Eastern—Miss Julia M. Jones, Warsaw.
Green River—Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton.
Kings Mountain—Mrs. Loula K. Connelly, Shelby.
Little River—Miss Emma Kivett, Lillington.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—Mrs. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.
Mt Zion—Mrs. Lizzie Battle, Durham.
Pee Dee—Mrs. Frank Bennett, Wadesboro.
Piedmont—Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
Pilot Mountain—Mrs. Harvey Crist, Salem.
Raleigh—Mrs. John E. White, Cary.
Robeson—Mrs. T. F. Toon, Lumberton.
Sandy Creek—Mrs. T. H. Chapin, Pittsboro.
South River—Mrs. Samuel A. Howard, Salemburg.
Tar River—Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson.
Union—Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe.
West Chowan—Miss Blanche Vann, Ahoskie.
Haywood—Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde.
Tuckasegee—Mrs. S. H. Harrington, Franklin.
Carolina—Miss Lida Carter, Angeline.
Western Carolina—Miss Sallie Bright, Murphy.
New Found—Mrs. M. S. Buckner, Owenby, N. C.

With profound gratitude your Committee reports the best year of its history. In Greenville the societies took as their aim for the year 1898-1899 raising \$7,500.00 for missions. To-day we report \$8,746.62, an increase of more than \$2,700.00 over last year.

This result has been reached by steady growth along the lines of work formerly pursued.

The most important feature of the year has been the welcome union of the societies of the west with those of the east, these societies having had no inconsiderable part in the sum mentioned above.

The salary of our Yates Memorial Missionary, Mrs. T. C. Britton, of Soochow, China, was more than raised by the Christmas Offering; the enlarged interest in Home Missions was evinced by larger gifts during the week of self-denial, and especially in the many and valuable boxes packed this fall for Frontier Missionaries, while the growth in contribution to State Missions in the last three years must be exceedingly gratifying to all believers in this basal work.

Without going further into details of the work, in which the faithful efforts of twenty-five Associational Vice-Presidents have materially aided, we will let the figures given below speak for themselves, feeling assured that all who have watched the remarkable growth of our Woman's Mission endeavor within the bounds of our State, will, with us, exclaim—The Lord hath done great things whereof we are glad.

New societies, 66.

Quarterly letters, 2,000.

Other letters, 2,910.

Postals, 35.

Leaflets, blanks, etc., 15,895.

Mite boxes, 498.

Foreign Missions	\$2,462.71
Home Missions	4,548.36
State Missions	1,443.93
Orphanage	233.87
Ministerial education	28.27
Expense fund	8.21
Ministerial relief	18.57
Sunday Schools	2.70
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	8,746.62

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President.

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS,
Corresponding Secretary.

JNO. E. RAY,
President.

JNO. E. WHITE,
Corresponding Secretary.

The following special committees were appointed :

Destitution in Eastern Carolina.—C. W. Blanchard, C. M. Wall, E. H. Pruitt, B. S. Graves, B. W. Spilman, H. C. Moore.

Missions at Manufacturing Centers.—L. R. Pruett, A. C. Irwin, Sidney Hamrick, J. A. McKaughan, M. E. Parrish, Jonathan Wood.

Education in Western Carolina.—T. M. Honeycutt, C. S. Cashwell, G. M. Webb, R. L. Limrick, A. I. Justice, J. S. Woodard.

Volunteer Mission Work.—S. J. Porter, F. F. Scoggins, H. D. Wilson, W. L. Bradley, C. D. Cole.

The Convention then adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., *December 7, 1899.*

The Convention reassembled at the hour appointed, and was led in devotional exercises by W. C. Tyree, of Durham.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

B. W. Spilman presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved. That a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter of providing an Educational Commission, said committee to report to the Convention in 1900.

R. G. Seymour, of Philadelphia, addressed the Convention on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Secretary read the following telegram :

LOUISVILLE, KY., *December 6, 1899.*

President of the Baptist State Convention, Asheville, N. C. ;

Greetings from North Carolina men at the Seminary. I Cor. i. 3-9.

ARCH C. CREE.

JOHN R. MOORE.

J. S. Hardaway was appointed to respond in behalf of the Convention.

The following were recognized and welcomed to seats in

the Convention : T. D. Lawrence, President of the Normal and Collegiate Institute, of Asheville ; President Lodge, of the Limestone Institute, South Carolina ; B. P. Robertson, pastor of Gaffney Church, South Carolina ; Wm. L. Richards, new pastor at Hendersonville ; W. C. Allen, of South Carolina.

President E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, made an address on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Subscriptions were taken for the Student's Aid Fund of the Seminary amounting to \$848.00. A cash collection of \$9.87 was also taken for the same object.

Thomas Hume presented the report of the Committee on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The close of this great century is witnessing the most radical changes in the administration of the life of the world. How difficult soever it may be to separate between good and evil in political motives and plans, the believing heart rejoices that "the Lord reigneth," and the children of light must be prepared to exercise the wisdom that cometh from above and seize the great opportunity. While the nation is crossing its bridges is no time to define fully our missionary movement upon the isles of the eastern and western seas. But the outlook is hopeful because of the recoil from the alliance of church and state, of priestcraft and corruption.

We can not fail to be moved by the blessing of God on the labors of our servants, and His, in the wide foreign field. Eight hundred and forty-five baptisms amongst the heathen are reported by them for the past year. The Board was untrammelled by debt at the end of the Conventional period. But our Southern Convention ordered an advance of twenty-five per cent in the outlay for the work. Eleven new missionaries have been appointed : two of them are North Carolina men, J. C. Owen and W. E. Crocker, both assigned to China. Only one worker has gone down in death, C. D. McCarthy, in Brazil. In North Mexico, Brazil and China the signs of the divine favor are especially evident.

The crying need is that our churches, our individual members, shall *know* this world which is to be redeemed, "all the world," into which we are commanded to go and take the gospel of life and salvation. We must let in the light of heaven on the soul's secret movements and seek to incite in others the spirit of obedience to the plain command. But we must too provide instruction and help towards the understanding of this comprehensive and diversified subject. It is a serious question. What are the means used towards this end in the country church with its infrequent services ?

The Master's call is imperative. Our representatives have sounded the demand for a notable advance in view of the invitation of Providence and our enlarged responsibility. While men and women are crying, "Here am I, send me," shall we not rise to the height of this great argument with the money which the Lord has given us? It seems to us that the wise pastor has to a great degree the situation in his hands and the inspiration of the highest theme, "the world for Christ," to prompt his pleading.

THOS. HUME.
 J. D. BREVARD,
 C. L. BAGBY,
 J. S. BRIDGES,
 R. E. WHITE,
 W. H. REDDISH,
Committee.

F. L. Cleaveland submitted the report of the Committee on WOMAN'S WORK.

The following is a summary of the work of our woman's societies as submitted by their President, Miss Fannie Heck, of Raleigh. The committee thinks it could best serve the Convention by incorporating this data into its report :

"I give herewith the results of the year's work of the Woman's Missionary Societies. The growth this year has been such as to call forth our deepest gratitude, especially when we remember that this is the result of steady growth along tried and approved lines rather than transient effort. Contrasting this report with that of the first year's work of the committees, \$1,000.00 with \$8,764.00, brings forcibly to mind the increase in fourteen years.

"In round numbers the Woman's Missionary Societies of our State have grown from fourteen to nearly four hundred and have given more than \$52,000.00 to Home, State and Foreign Missions. Our unvarying aim is large things for Christ. We believe 1900 will see such things as we hardly dared to dream of even five short years ago."

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Expense Fund.....	8.21
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Sunday Schools.....	2.70

8,746.62

The committee believes it expresses the thought of the entire Convention in thanking the women of our churches for their efficient and valuable aid.

F. L. CLEVELAND,

A. W. EARLY,

G. M. DUKE,

A. B. SMITH,

T. C. BRYSON,

Committee.

After remarks by Thomas Hume and R. J. Willingham both reports were adopted.

Adjournment with prayer by T. E. Skinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was led in prayer by J. S. Smiley, of Swain County.

J. A. Mundy presented the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As our people advance in educational attainments, we depend more and more on periodical literature to inform our churches and to unify them in the Master's work.

Your committee feel a deep sense of gratification at the increased circulation and more efficient equipment of our religious journals.

The *Biblical Recorder*, our Convention organ, has justly won a place in the hearts of our people, that needs only to be mentioned in this report. In it we have the two essential elements of power and success—consecrated money and brains—serving the people and our Lord's Kingdom. Its record for more than threescore years has been one of loyalty to truth and duty.

Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage; *Wake Forest Student*; *Baptist Historical Papers* and the *North Carolina Baptist* have kept pace with the advance movement and are doing a fine work in their respective spheres.

And with them, we commend most heartily the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field* and the *Seminary Magazine* to the patronage of our people.

J. A. MUNDY,

J. E. RAY,

R. H. HERRING,

T. C. KING,

S. D. SWAIN,

J. F. VINES,

Committee.

Remarks were made by J. A. Mundy, J. S. Smiley, A. B. Thomas, J. W. Bailey, N. B. Broughton, W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Hufham, and the report was adopted.

Livingston Johnson offered the following resolution which was adopted :

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS we believe that the relationship between the Convention and its organ, the *Biblical Recorder*, should be as close and vital as possible.

AND WHEREAS, the extension of the *Recorder's* circulation among our people is of great concern to the work of the denomination; therefore be it

Resolved. That a committee of five from the Convention be appointed to act in behalf of the Convention as an Advisory Committee with the proprietors of the *Recorder* and its editor in its control and in determining plans for the increase of the *Recorder's* usefulness as the Denominational Organ and for the extension of its circulation among our people.

On motion of N. B. Broughton the report on Wake Forest College is made special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The President appointed the following as the *Biblical Recorder* Advisory Committee: John E. White, W. L. Po-teat, R. T. Vann, T. M. Honeycutt, and W. R. Gwaltney.

The Convention then adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at the hour appointed, and devotional exercises were conducted by A. H. Harnley, of New Bern, who read a part of Romans xii., and led in prayer.

B. W. Spilman, for the Committee on Credentials, presented the application of the recently formed Neuse Association for admission into this body. The Association was received, and the messengers present received the hand of welcome by the President.

The Convention was then addressed by J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

John E. White presented the following resolution, regarding the celebration of the year 1900:

RESOLUTION ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR 1900.

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention at its session in Norfolk in 1898, inaugurated a movement for the celebration of the year 1900, as a memorial year in our Baptist churches, in which special effort is to be made to more fully inform them of the gracious fullness of the Divine blessings received during the past century, and to better organize and equip them for the mighty work which lies before them in the century to come.

AND WHEREAS, the recent Convention in Louisville, Ky., further endorsed this movement and completed arrangements for its consummation through a special committee: therefore be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the provision in the plan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, we appoint a committee of five to cooperate with the committee of five appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, and that our committee be requested to secure the appointment of a committee of five in each of our District Associations, who, in turn, shall secure the appointment of a committee of three in each church within their bounds, all of said committees to cooperate with the General Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

JNO. E. WHITE.

C. S. Blackwell offered the report on Home Missions, which, after discussion by F. H. Kerfoot, was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on the work of the Home Board would report:

During the Convention year we find that the Home Board has continued its assistance at several points in the State, besides entering very heartily into cooperative support of our educational enterprises in Western North Carolina. We feel that this added token of interest and outlay on the part of the Board should stimulate our people to push up our Home Board contribution from \$5,000 this year to \$6,000 for next year. We advanced \$1,200 the past year, we can add \$1,000 even to that the coming year. There are many reasons why we should not forget the Home Board in our forward movement along all other lines.

While we are more or less familiar with the splendid work being done in the mountain section of our own State by this Board, we should not let our sympathies for it be limited by the boundary of our own need. We should know that a vast field far more destitute reaches beyond our State lines and cries piteously and continuously for help; that into this field the Home Board has gone, and God has gone with it.

The territory of the Home Board holds a varied and vast population. Besides our Indian population of 65,000, Texas alone has 200,000 Mexicans. The States have 5,000 Chinese, 40,000 Italians, 500,000 Germans, and 7,000,000 Negroes. In addition to this mixed multitude we have 1,000,000 Cubans on our hands. With such conditions confronting it, the Home Board can not stop. It too must go forward. In every step of its advance God has given a token of His blessing. At Louisville it made a report showing the finger prints of "God's good hand" upon it during the past year, thus:

"The number of missionaries employed this year was 653 against 467 last year. Baptisms this year 6,552 against 4,739 last year. Total additions to churches this year 12,983 against 9,509 last year. Sunday Schools organized this year 512, with 14,768 teachers and pupils, against 297 with 7,710 teachers and pupils last year."

While our prayers and benedictions go with and rest upon the God-honored and heroic I. T. Tichenor, the retiring leader of this noble work, we rise up and salute the incoming Secretary, Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, and pledge him the love and loyalty of North Carolina Baptists.

CALVIN S. BLACKWELL,
G. H. CHURCH,
J. T. BETTS,
L. N. CHAPPELL,
A. B. WALKER,
J. L. MORGAN,

Committee.

The President appointed the following as a committee on celebration of 1900: John E. White, A. E. Brown, L. Johnson, C. W. Scarborough, J. C. Caddell.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by A. C. Barron, of Charlotte.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by G. H. Church, of Burlington, who read and commented on a part of Ephesians, sixth chapter.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The motion was adopted to reconsider the action to make Wake Forest College special order for 11 a. m. to-day, and it was made the special order for from 12.30 till adjournment.

On motion, the following constitutional amendment was adopted:

Insert in section 5 the words, "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law," instead of the words "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

J. H. Weaver, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, was recognized and welcomed.

C. W. Blanchard presented the report of the Committee on Destitution in Eastern Carolina:

REPORT ON DESTITUTION IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

In Eastern North Carolina the Baptists of the State find their largest area of destitution. It is found mainly in the counties covered by the Tar River, the Eastern, the Atlantic and the Neuse Associations.

In the Tar River Association there is much destitution of real evangelical preaching, the territory being largely pre-occupied by anti-nomian leaders. This opposition is hard to overcome among the older members of the families, but is giving way in the sweep of intelligence and evangelical work among the young. Much attention should be paid to this territory by our Board of Missions.

In our opinion the greatest mission work of the Eastern Association is that of development of churches already constituted, but surely there is yet unoccupied territory in this section. Much work is yet to be done ere we are ready to yield it to fate.

The *largest, neediest and most promising mission field* in the State is that covered by the Neuse and Atlantic Associations. There are ten fertile counties here, with a population of about 200,000, and only about 3,000 members of Baptist churches. We now have about 46 organized churches, are cultivating 30 mission points that promise to become churches, and fail to reach not less than 50 others that are inviting to our preachers.

On this territory the Mormons have placed 17 missionaries. Last year the Baptists partially supported 8 men. This year we are asked to sustain 12 men. We believe it will be wise for the Convention to push the work in this section without stint of men or means. The men now on the field have a firm grasp of the work, but they need reinforcement and encouragement.

C. W. BLANCHARD,

HIGHT C. MOORE,

C. M. WALL,

B. W. SPILMAN,

Committee.

Remarks were made by C. W. Blanchard and M. L. Kesler, and the report was adopted.

L. R. Pruett submitted the report of the Committee on Manufacturing Centers, as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS AT MANUFACTURING CENTERS.

This Southland, and especially North Carolina, is rapidly becoming a great manufacturing section. A larger number of industries, especially that of cotton, are now being established than ever before in our fair land.

New mills are going up in many parts of our own State. These factories employ men, women and children. In the main these people have moved to the city or town, and have left their country homes and their country churches. A large number of this growing population is now without Baptist pastors, Baptist Sunday Schools and Baptist church houses. This being the condition, the duty of this Convention and the Baptists of the State can be seen at a glance.

In the face of this fact, your committee recommends the following:

First, that the pastors and churches in the manufacturing centers utilize local talent when possible, aided by the State Mission Board when necessary, which will often require only an outlay of expenses for a building in which to worship and the necessary current expenses.

Second, that the Board seek to provide for every town and factory community a pastor and church privileges as soon as possible.

M. E. PARRISH,
A. C. IRWIN,
J. A. MCKAUGHAN,
S. A. HAMRICK,
JONATHAN WOOD,
L. R. PRUETT.

Committee.

Remarks were made by L. R. Pruett, and the report was adopted.

At this point the President gave the hand of special welcome to Adam Corn and John H. Justice, aged members of the body, who were at the organization of the Western Convention. A freewill offering of \$15.98 was tendered brother Corn.

W. E. Wilkins offered the report of the Committee on

EDUCATION IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee on Education in Western North Carolina note that: Western North Carolina includes twenty-five counties with a popula-

tion of about 300,000. Of this number about 50,000 are Baptists. Estimating that there are 60,000 children of school age in this section some 40,000 are Baptists or under Baptist influences. Evidently the future of our Baptist Zion will be largely determined by what we do or fail to do for this army of 40,000 children. We note with gratitude—

1. That the public schools are now doing far more for the development of this host than ever before.

2. That Baptists have felt the pressing needs of the young people of the west by providing Mars Hill College, Fruitland Institute, Taylorsville High School and Bellevue; and soon there are to be Associational schools at Sylva in Jackson County, and at Bakersville in Yancey.

3. That there is now a general awakening in educational lines and that open doors are calling loudly for cooperation from the brotherhood. A key, humanly speaking, to the new Western North Carolina is held by the Associational High School. Shall we possess it?

4. We call special attention to the offer of Mr. M. C. Treat, of Washington, Pennsylvania, who has placed a loan fund of \$600 for young ministers who wish to attend Mars Hill College. This enables 10 young ministers to enter school each year. May the Lord richly bless our benefactor!

But while something is being done it is not even enough to prevent loss to our Baptist cause. We heartily recommend the Educational section in the report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools and earnestly urge that every \$1.00 invested in high schools here now will do as much as \$5.00 a few years from now. The opportunity now open, which may not be open many years, is illustrated by the experience of our brethren in Yancey County. They were offered the plot of ground and one-tenth of the amount needed to build a \$2,500.00 Associational High School. After waiting a year or two on our brethren the donor made the same proposition to another denomination and now a \$6,000.00 High School marks the last opportunity of our people in a county where three-fourths of the people are Baptists.

Respectfully,

T. M. HONEYCUTT,

C. S. CASHWELL,

G. M. WEBB,

R. L. LIMRICK,

A. I. JUSTICE,

J. S. WOODWARD,

Committee.

Remarks by T. M. Honeycutt, A. E. Brown, A. I. Justice, and John E. White and the report was adopted.

W. R. Gwaltney presented the report of the Trustees of Wake Forest College as follows:

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Prosperity and growth have characterized the past year. The matriculation during 1898-9 was the largest in the history of the College. It is likely that this number will be passed before the present session shall end. Fifteen more have matriculated already than at this time last year. At no time has more faithful work been done or has better order prevailed. The health of the students and of the community continues excellent. A young minister of high promise died in October, but he carried with him the seeds of disease when he went to Wake Forest.

The changes in the personnel of the Board and Faculty have been few. Judge E. W. Timberlake has been made a Trustee in the place of Mr. W. H. Mitchell. Prof. J. L. Lake has been elected to the chair of Physics and Prof. J. F. Lanneau has been assigned to the Chair of Applied Mathematics and Astronomy, these two Departments having been separated at the last meeting of the Board. Prof. C. E. Brewer and Assistant Prof. C. W. Paschal have been given one year's leave of absence. The place of the former is filled temporarily by Professor Lake; that of the latter by Mr. W. B. Daniel.

The Law School continues to grow in popularity and in the number of its matriculates. Though only in its sixth year, it is already widely recognized as one of the best in the South.

Comparison between the last catalogue and those published before it will reveal the fact that the standard of the College for graduation has been raised in a marked degree. The standard for entrance, also, is gradually being elevated. That this can be done is due to the increasing number and improving work of our academies. In this connection it is gratifying to note the success of several Associational academies already established and the discussions in several Associations as to the establishment of others. Few more important matters claim the attention of North Carolina Baptists than the founding of first rate academies under the control and within the limits of their Associations.

Some of the needs of the College are imperative. Not to supply these at a very early day will be to begin to fall back in efficiency as compared with other colleges. A general effort for the increase of means at the disposal of the Trustees for improvement and equipment ought not to be long deferred.

The report was discussed by C. W. Scarborough, J. B. Carlyle, and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by M. L. Richards, of Hendersonville.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The opening exercises included the reading of the 122nd Psalm, by W. F. Watson, prayer by G. M. Duke.

D. P. Bridges presented the report on State Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State work lies at the foundation of all our work. We are moving forward along all our lines of work. This advancement can not be permanent unless our State work is in the fore-front of this forward movement. This year our Board has employed 100 missionaries in our State work, together with the great work done by our noble band of volunteer mission workers. Your committee recommends that our Board lay out its work for the next year on a basis of \$20,000, and that our volunteer work be carried on as before. In order for our Board to do this the churches must stand by the work in their prayers and in enlarged contributions. Brethren, here are our destitute fields in the east, our manufacturing centers and our educational work in the west. Let us then stand by all these departments of our work.

E. A. MYERS,

R. O. PERNELL,

E. M. LIGHTFOOT,

J. L. WILKIE,

D. P. BRIDGES,

J. A. HOYLE,

Committee.

W. A. Smith offered the report on the Orphanage as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Every Baptist who is at all acquainted with our Orphanage and its good work and splendid management has a holy pride in this institution. It is indeed the expression of Christian love in a most becoming manner. Its great demands and glorious work calls forth sympathy and support from the most lukewarm and illiberal Christian. It often breaks the way for greater liberality for all other objects of the Convention.

There are now about 175 children in the Orphanage. About 200 have been enrolled during the year but twenty-five have been honorably dismissed.

The health of the children has been excellent. Their spiritual inter-

ests also are tenderly watched after, and a large number of them are members of the church.

The management of the Orphanage is systematic and entirely satisfactory. The discipline is gentle, but firm. That wise and good manager and his noble Christian wife seem to be divinely suited and appointed to this work.

The \$750 debt on the General Manager's house, which had not been provided for at last Convention, has been paid.

The second nursery building (the bequest of Dr. R. D. Fleming, supplemented by his widow) has been completed, and will be ready for occupancy next Monday. This building, however, will only supply the necessary accommodation for the present number of children who have been hitherto so much crowded.

The present needs of the Orphanage certainly ought to claim our attention. Not that the orphans in charge lack for comfortable accommodation, but that so many worthy applicants can not be received for lack of capacity. We, your committee, therefore recommend to the Convention that steps be taken for the erection and furnishing of other suitable buildings that we may not lack for capacity. A Mills Memorial Building has been spoken of and we believe that such a building might be supplied during the ensuing year very easily if only the proper efforts should be made. The necessity for enlarged capacity is evidenced by the fact that over fifty worthy applications have been made through the Conventional year, which could not be received for lack of room. If we had the necessary buildings we believe an increase of twenty-five per cent of the current expenses would provide for twice the number of orphans we now have in the institution. Our people seem to be ready and willing to furnish food and raiment, but are slow to provide shelter. All the buildings we now have were supplied by special funds, the most of which was given by individuals.

We note with pleasure the continued usefulness of, and the increased interest in, *Charity and Children*. This paper now visits between five and six thousand homes. It returns value received for the subscriber in good reading matter, and information about the Orphanage work, which is not supplied from any other source, besides being of direct pecuniary aid to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH,

C. B. PAUL,

J. L. SHINN,

S. D. SWAIM,

J. A. WHITE,

W. C. STRADLEY,

Committee.

Remarks by W. A. Smith, J. B. Boone, and N. B. Broughton. Subscriptions amounting to \$2,585 were taken

for the Mills Memorial Building. The report was then adopted.

O. L. Stringfield submitted the report on the Baptist Female University as follows :

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

The year 1899 will mark an epoch in the history of the Baptist denomination in this State in educational work. On the 27th of September last the Baptist Female University of North Carolina opened its doors for the education of our women with an enrollment of 180, of which 120 are boarders. Two generations of Baptists have desired to see what has this year been accomplished in the establishment of this institution. Ten years ago at the Convention in Henderson this work was started. It was then resolved " that the time had come when the Baptists of the State should establish a school for young women of high grade for the advancement of the higher education of the women of our land." The wisdom of this action of the Convention has been justified by the splendid opening which the University has had.

The number of pupils who applied for admission at the opening of the University were greater than the Board of Trustees had expected or had provided for, and it became necessary to secure additional accommodations for the patronage of the school. This was done by the purchase of the Adams property, adjoining the University grounds, (a handsome private residence of twenty-six rooms,) and also by making additional dormitory room in the main building. This purchase and additional room, together with the repairs, furniture and furnishings necessary, required an additional indebtedness of \$15,000 to that already incurred, which was \$20,000. The Trustees were loth to incur this debt, but they saw no way to avoid it and be true to the trust committed to them.

The University now has comfortable accommodations for 150 boarders—30 more than are now enrolled, but it is expected that these accommodations will be taken up before the end of the present session. The property which the University has cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000, but this property could not now be duplicated for \$100,000. Indeed no school in the State has superior accommodations for the comfort of its patrons than our school at Raleigh. Its faculty is composed of five men and thirteen women, who have been selected with great care for the positions they occupy, and are eminent in their profession as teachers.

The expenses of the University, though of necessity large, we are glad to report are fully met by the income of the institution, but it is necessary to provide for the debt incurred for the buildings and their furnishings. This should be done as early as possible by the denomi-

nation, to the end that education at the University may be cheapened and this menace to this youngest child of the Convention may be removed.

During the year there has been contributed for the building and furnishings \$8,393.78 in cash and \$2,861.50 in subscriptions, making a total of \$11,255.28. On account of sickness our financial Secretary has done very little work during the last two months, and will not be able to enter the field before January. Bro. C. A. G. Thomas, pastor of the church in Fayetteville, has kindly consented to aid in the great work until the health and strength of our financial Secretary shall be fully restored.

THE WOMAN'S BUILDING FUND.

It was a gracious providence that our women engaged to put forth special efforts during this year to aid in the great work. They have been led by one of the foremost of our Southern women. During the year they have secured \$1,693.20 in cash, and \$1,176.50 in subscriptions, making a total of \$2,869.70. This amount and the amount secured through the Financial Secretary make a grand total of cash and subscriptions \$14,124.98. The amount of cash reported by Miss Susan W. G. Clark, the treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee, is far from representing all that the women did. The amount would have been much larger but for the fact that very often the money meant to be given to Miss Heck was given to our Financial Secretary. The work done during the year by our women has been highly satisfactory to the trustees and friends of the school. We rejoice greatly in the fact that Miss Fannie E. S. Heck is now organizing our women into an "Educational Union." We most heartily commend this work to the women of the State. With our women organized in the great work of education, and especially the education of our young women, the good that will come to the homes of North Carolina can not be estimated.

THE PRESSING DEMANDS THAT ARE NOW UPON US.

Our trustees have not finished the Baptist Female University. They have only begun it. Both of the buildings are filled with earnest young women, with a fine prospect that twice the number now enrolled will be in attendance next September. What shall be done about the debt upon the property, and about erecting another building is to be decided by the men and women composing this Convention.

The Baptist people have never failed in a great crisis, and we are willing to trust them to put forth greater efforts than ever, that this great work may move on rapidly till fully established.

In view of the pressing demands upon us at this time to provide ample room for the young women of the State who wish to enter the Baptist Female University, and to keep these great advantages at the low charges at which they are now offered, we recommend that all possible

efforts be put forth to secure during the coming year \$35,000, to pay the indebtedness on the property.

Most respectfully submitted,

O. L. STRINGFIELD,
E. ALLISON,
R. A. SENTELL,
A. H. HARNLEY.

Committee.

Remarks were made by J. C. Blasingame, J. W. Bailey, and O. L. Stringfield, and the report was adopted.

Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., *December 9, 1899.*

Devotional exercises were conducted by Adam Corn, who read from the second chapter of Acts.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

W. N. Jones presented the report of the Committee on Place and Preacher which was adopted as follows:

PLACE—Raleigh.

PREACHER—W. M. Vines; alternate, W. C. Tyree.

A. M. Simms made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON COOPERATION.

The work of cooperation on the part of the Home Mission Society of New York, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and this State Convention with the colored Baptists of North Carolina seems to be producing good results, and we therefore commend it to the Convention for its continuance.

By reference to page 30 of the minutes of this Convention for 1898 you will see that the amount which this Convention is to spend in this work for the current year is \$533.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. SIMMS,
GEO. J. DOWELL,
J. J. DOUGLAS,
A. H. PORTER,
T. B. JUSTICE,

Committee.

On motion of M. L. Kesler the order of business was amended as follows :

- 10.30 a. m.—Ministerial Relief.
- 11.00 a. m.—Sunday Schools.
- 12.00 m.—Ministerial Education.
- 12.30 p. m.—Historical Papers.
- 1.00 p. m.—Obituaries.
- 1.30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

R. H. Griffith, of Hendersonville, was introduced to the Convention and welcomed to a seat in the body.

J. S. Hardaway offered the report on Ministerial Relief as follows :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It is most gratifying to your committee to be able to report that the year closing with the meeting of this Convention has been, in many respects the most successful year in the history of the work of the Ministerial Relief Board. The receipts have more than met the Board's obligations, and fifteen worthy servants of the Lord have received some substantial token of the denomination's desire to do its part by those who have wrought well in their day and are now simply waiting for the call to come up higher.

Your committee would urge upon the pastors of the Convention the importance of informing the churches about the Board and its work and taking, at least, one collection during the year for the benefit of these aged, indigent servants of God.

Your committee would also suggest that pastors and laymen communicate to the Secretary or President of the Board the names of all worthy persons legitimately falling within the province of the work of the Board.

J. S. HARDAWAY,
W. F. WATSON,
S. J. PORTER,
I. S. BARBEE,
R. E. WHITE,

Committee.

J. F. McDuffie, Corresponding Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Board, presented the annual report of the Board, which was ordered printed in the minutes.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

This department of our work has been signally blessed: and we have much to be grateful for in the appreciation shown by the Convention, in the marked increase of interest shown and taken by the brethren, and in the considerable increase in contributions by the different churches, many of which have not before been doing anything for these old brethren. We have had many letters of inquiry to answer, which is to the mind of the Board a marked increase of interest.

Two great needs are before us: First, we need to know of the worthy needy ones. A look on the fields will convince any casual observer of this fact. Here and there are weary ones, bowed down with care and anxiety, waiting for help from Christ's servants who observe His law of love "Bear ye one another's burdens." They are helped by the few who have been necessitated to realize it to be cumbersome in the extreme, many of whom perhaps have never heard of this Board. It would be a source of comfort in such cases, many times, to help each other, if we only knew of it, and to know it would be only a little effort put forth frequently on the part of those who are in touch with the work. Again, we need more who are in sympathy with this work. To walk in the path of a realized duty brings the sweetest comfort and joy to any soul. Results are frequently hid behind the curtain of God's providence. In a visionary cottage stained with the effects of time lives the old veteran of the cross. On the table lies the Sword with which he has fought many battles. On the strands of time, here and there, are the effects of his struggles which God has enabled him to overcome. But by this old table stands the old cupboard scantily and poorly provided for. How often the old man thinks of better days gone by, and wonders why this state of affairs. He sleeps and wakes only to find it worse and worse as the days go by. To help him would be only perhaps to deprive ourselves of a few luxuries.

The demands upon us for their support is obligatory when we rightly consider their sacrifices and work. They erected the foundation upon which we are building. The best of their lives were spent in laying this foundation. By helping them it begets a spirit of benevolence within us that come from no other work in our Convention. Largely there is going out a spirit of sympathy and love for these old brethren that develops itself in such gifts as result in larger contributions to our other work. They are helped by our helping; and we are in like manner blessed by helping them.

We are very much encouraged by the efforts of our brethren during this Conventional year. God has signally blessed us in the work. We have received many letters of inquiry, and more blanks have been sent out than in recent years, as the result of which we have received two additional beneficiaries, and three others await the action of the Board. There have been no deaths, so far as we have heard, of any of our ben-

eficiaries during this year. There are now fourteen beneficiaries on the Board. Bro. Wm. W. Reid, of Dillsboro, and sister Elvia, widow of Bro. G. C. Caines, of Orton, N. C., have been received since last report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. C. TYREE,

J. F. MAC DUFFIE,

President.

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2, 1899.

1898.		<i>Received.</i>	
Dec. 7.	Balance		\$285.19
1899.			
April 11.	Interest		7.50
May 19.		1.30
	31.		10.50
July 10.		60.00
	15. J. D. Boushall, Treasurer		300.00
Sept. 16.	Interest		12.75
Oct. 2.	Cool Springs Church		4.65
	12. Interest		6.00
	14. D. L. Gore		100.00
	16. Interest		7.50
	19. J. D. Boushall, Treasurer		450.00
Dec. 2.		290.00
1899.		<i>Paid Out.</i>	
To	Rev. W. W. Reed		\$50.00
	Rev. N. H. Moss		50.00
	Mrs. Rhoda Churchill		70.00
	Mrs. C. F. Humphries		70.00
	Mrs. B. H. Phillips		70.00
	Mrs. Harriet Spivey		70.00
	Mrs. Jane Barlow		20.00
	Mrs. H. C. Register		45.00
	Mrs. Sibby Combs		45.00
	Mrs. E. H. Best		45.00
	Rev. Wm. Harris		45.00
	Rev. Solomon Blackburn		45.00
	Rev. John Hughes		29.65
	Rev. J. H. Lewellin		35.00
	Mrs. Elvia Caines		30.00
	Expenses of Corresponding Secretary		9.80
	P. I. B. Fund		381.55
	Balance to credit General Fund		424.39
			1,535.39
			1,535.39
Disbursed			629.06

P. I. B. FUND.

Loan	\$500.00
.....	150.00
.....	350.00
.....	425.00
.....	250.00
.....	200.00
.....	100.00
.....	150.00
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	2,125.00
Balance on hand.....	181.13
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	2,306.13
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Respectfully submitted to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina,

T. E. CHEEK,

Treasurer.

We have examined the report herewith submitted and certify that same is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

This December 4, 1899.

H. A. FOUSHEE,

R. H. RIGSBEE,

Auditors.

John E. White presented the report of the Treasurer of the Convention and it was adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

STATE MISSIONS.

By amount received.....	\$20,074.03
To balance.....	\$1,069.22
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes....	50.00
Hight C. Moore, salary as Rec. Sec.....	25.00
N. B. Broughton, salary as Rec. Sec.....	25.00
Amount advanced from Beulah Association..	50.00
Fuel, lights, etc.....	34.83
Jno. E. White, expenses as Statistical Sec....	10.00
Stamps, stationery and office supplies.....	134.77
Part expenses W. M. S.....	21.76
B. W. Spilman, salary, expenses as S. S. Miss.	718.89
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Sec.....	815.00
Amount paid on cooperation.....	512.65
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Amount forward	3,467.12

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Traveling expenses of Vol. Miss.	116.52	
Jno. E. White, traveling expenses	154.10	
Rent of Mission Rooms	28.33	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	75.00	
Miss Lena Partin, salary as Stenographer....	76.00	
Revenue stamps	15.90	
Printing and advertising	82.25	
H. B. Duffy, Tabernacle church, New Bern..	100.00	
G. H. Saddleson, Southern Pines church	100.00	
Amount paid Missionaries	15,575.77	
Balance	283.04	
	<u>20,074.03</u>	<u>20,074.03</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By amount received		\$9,291.42
By amount sent direct		1,348.92
To Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes	\$40.00	
Rev. J. C. Owen, traveling expenses Mis. tour	25.00	
Rev. A. J. Barton, traveling expenses Mis. tour	6.75	
J. Z. Eure, traveling expenses Mis. tour.....	10.00	
C. R. Taylor, traveling expenses Mis. tour....	10.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	60.00	
Fuel, lights, stationery, etc	20.00	
Stamps and office supplies	52.55	
Expenses W. M. S	76.84	
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Sec	425.00	
Jno. E. White, traveling expenses	105.35	
Miss Lena Partin, salary as Stenographer....	76.00	
Rent of Mission Rooms	40.00	
Printing and advertising	76.49	
Sent Foreign Mission Board	7,746.02	
Amount sent direct	1,348.92	
Balance	521.42	
	<u>10,640.34</u>	<u>10,640.34</u>

HOME MISSIONS.

By amount received		\$5,608.72
By amount sent direct		161.90
To Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes....	\$40.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	50.00	
Fuel, lights, etc	20.00	
Expenses W. M. S	52.01	
Amount forward	162.01	

Amount forward.....	\$162.01	\$5,770.62
To Stamps, stationery and office supplies....	55.00	
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Sec	450.00	
Jno. E. White, traveling expenses	55.00	
Miss Lena Partin, salary as Stenographer ...	76.00	
Printing.....	100.00	
Rent	23.33	
Amount sent Home Mission Board.....	4,600.00	
Amount sent direct.....	161.90	
Balance	87.38	
	<u>5,770.62</u>	<u>5,770.62</u>

EDUCATION.

Balance.....		\$431.67
By amount received.....		2,840.09
To Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes....	\$20.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer.....	15.00	
Vouchers by Dr. John Mitchell.	2,467.46	
Balance	769.30	
	<u>3,271.76</u>	<u>3,271.76</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Balance	\$22.00	
By amount received.....		\$261.06
To paid Rev. B. W. Spilman, salary and expenses as Field Secretary.	350.65	
Balance		111.59
	<u>372.65</u>	<u>372.65</u>

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

By amount received.....		\$1,059.07
T. E. Cheek, Treasurer.	\$1,050.00	
Balance	9.07	
	<u>1,059.07</u>	<u>1,059.07</u>
Total value this fund.....		<u>2,306.12</u>

STUDENTS AID FUND (LOUISVILLE).

By amount received.....		\$60.37
To paid Jno. R. Sampey, Treasurer.....	\$60.37	
	<u>60.37</u>	<u>60.37</u>
Amount sent direct, estimated		500.00

BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

Balance		\$212.74
By cash receipts of store		10,017.64
To Printing Minutes of Convention.....	\$20.00	
Miss P. Ellington, salary Oct. and Nov.....	20.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer.....	59.00	
Donations and discounts.....	225.13	
Furniture and fixtures.....	67.75	
Postage, fuel and lights.....	191.59	
Freight, drayage, etc.....	200.27	
H. L. Watson, salary as clerk.....	600.00	
Miss Lena Partin, salary as stenographer...	76.00	
Rent.....	200.00	
Printing and stationery.....	103.62	
Advertising.....	50.79	
Literature, books, etc.....	7,837.91	
Balance	617.32	
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	10,260.38	10,260.38

SUMMARY.

State Missions.....	\$20,074.03
Foreign Missions.....	10,640.34
Home Missions.....	5,770.62
Education.....	3,271.76
Sunday Schools and Colportage.....	372.65
Ministerial Relief Fund.....	1,059.07
Students Aid Fund (Louisville).....	560.27
Baptist Book Store.....	10,260.38
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Total actual cash contributions.....	52,009.22

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BOUSHALL,

Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of J. D. Boushall, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for the past conventional year, comparing the same with the acknowledgments in the *Biblical Recorder*. I find all accounts with the various objects of the Convention to be correct, and disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

WALTERS DURHAM,

Auditor North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Remarks by J. S. Hardaway, W. F. Watson, W. C. Tyree and the report on Ministerial Relief was adopted.

W. H. Rich presented the report of the Committee to nominate Sunday School and Colportage Committee, which was adopted. (See list of Boards.)

Thomas Carrick presented the report of the Committee to nominate Board of Education, which was adopted. (See list of Boards).

T. B. Moseley presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

The work of our North Carolina Sunday School Committee has been eminently successful. The institutes under the management of Bro. B. W. Spilman, Sunday School Field Secretary, have aroused and quickened a widespread interest in the work. He has attended, in the last year, sixty-eight meetings in the interest of Sunday Schools, and has personally conducted fifty-seven. We feel that we can not speak too highly of his self-sacrificing labors—facing and enduring the trials that have attended the work, and giving to it, for a scant remuneration, a whole-hearted and efficient service.

The benefits to our cause at large, resulting from the earnest, faithful efforts of our Field Secretary, can, in part at least, be seen when we find that an increased interest in Sunday Schools means a more open door, and a greater influx of devoted, intelligent Christians into our churches.

Your committee begs leave to urge that the Convention instruct the Sunday School Committee, through its Field Secretary, to push forward the colportage work in every way practical.

J. D. MOORE,
T. B. MOSELEY,
J. F. PARROTT,
G. N. COWAN,
M. A. LOVE.

Committee.

Remarks by T. B. Moseley, John E. Ray, N. B. Broughton, and the report was adopted.

Livingston Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolved. That this Convention rejoices in the prosperity of the Oxford Seminary for girls and the Chowan Female Institute, and wishes them hearty God-speed in their blessed work of helping to lift up the girls of our denomination.

On motion, F. P. Hobgood of Oxford, and C. W. Scarborough of Murfreesboro, were given five minutes each to present their respective institutions.

The report of Committee to nominate the Ministerial Relief Board was received and adopted. (See list of Boards.)

John E. White presented the following report, which was adopted :

CARRENDER WILL CASE.

Your committee to which was committed the adjustment of the Convention's interest in the will of Lewis Carrender, deceased, of Yadkin County, begs leave to report :

That we have arrived at a compromise with parties involved by which the Convention receives \$1,000.00 for the transfer of its rights under the will to the plaintiff in the suit. This transfer has been consummated; the case is removed from litigation and the Treasurer of the Convention has in hand \$500.00 in cash and \$500.00 note payable September 1, 1900.

Under the terms of the will the Convention was enjoined to place its bequest at interest and the interest from the same to be used in State Mission work.

We recommend that the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to execute a loan of the money and note now in his hands to the Baptist Book Store at six per cent per annum.

JNO. E. WHITE,

W. N. JONES,

J. D. BOUSHALL,

Committee.

John E. White presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar significance attached to the closing year of the century, and in view of lamentable lack of full, accurate and reliable statistics of Baptist work and numerical strength in North Carolina, that the Convention elect brethren Hufham and T. M. Pittman statistical secretaries for the year 1900, with instructions to collect and report to the next session of the Convention full, accurate and reliable statistics of the Baptists of North Carolina and such historical data as deserves perpetuation in our records.

Resolved 2d, That the Board of Missions be instructed to appropriate \$150 to defray the expenses of the work.

JNO. E. WHITE.

R. T. Vann presented the following resolution, which was adopted ;

Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention express its high appreciation of the faithful, efficient and self-denying service rendered by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck in securing funds for the Baptist Female University, and that we cordially commend her to the sympathy and cooperation of all our people.

The President appointed the following committee of five to consider the appointment of an educational commission to report in 1900: B. W. Spilman, C. E. Taylor, J. C. Scarboro, J. A. Campbell, W. J. Ferrell.

J. F. Davis presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Baptists of North Carolina now in convention assembled are opposed to all wrong-doing of whatever character:

AND WHEREAS, one Mr. Roberts has been elected to the Congress of the United States:

AND WHEREAS, the said Roberts is understood to be a polygamist having three wives:

AND WHEREAS, polygamy is subversive of morality and a menace to the public good as well as contrary to the laws of the United States: therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina desire to express our disapproval of the said Roberts's manner of life, and request that the Congress of the United States do not permit the said Roberts to take his seat.

J. C. Blasingame offered the report on Education, Ministerial and General, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

It is gratifying to report that the Board of Education is out of debt. This is the first time it has been able to so report. The number of students receiving aid have been increased from thirty-one last year to forty this year.

There are many hopeful signs of a greatly increased interest in General Education. Wake Forest College has now 250 students, fifteen more than at the same time last year. The Baptist Female University opened its first term on September 27th, and has issued 180 matriculation cards. Notwithstanding this large attendance it is a notable fact that Oxford Seminary and the Chowan Baptist Female Institute have each a much larger attendance this year than last. These last two institutions have been the only female colleges Baptists could claim and depend upon for the education of our young women, and we are glad to see that the opening of the University has been simultaneous with an increased attendance in these two worthy institutions. Our people should take this as a verification of the scriptural declaration that to him that hath shall be given.

We are glad to report the founding of three Associational schools since the last Convention, viz.: The Sylva High School, Jackson

County: Bowman Academy, Bakersville; and Fruitland Institute, Henderson County. Mars Hill College reports an increased attendance of thirty.

We would emphasize the importance of establishing Associational High Schools in every Association in the State.

JAS. C. BLASINGAME, *Chairman.*

T. E. SKINNER,

R. L. MOORE,

J. L. LAKE,

W. B. WAFF,

E. J. HARRELL.

Committee.

John Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, presented the annual report of the Board, which was ordered printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1899.

The work of the Board of Education during the year has been fairly prosperous, and is encouraging. Contributions have been a little better than last year. All outstanding obligations have been cancelled. The current expenses have been paid to December 1, 1899, and we are glad to be able to report *that the Board of Education is out of debt.*

The work of the Board, always important, but never more so than now, is growing upon us, and the Board has decided to increase the number of its beneficiaries to forty, with the hope that the contributions will justify the increase. The number aided last session is thirty-one. The number received this session to date is thirty-six, and we shall doubtless reach forty during the next term, and it is hoped that we shall be able to aid all the worthy young ministers who may apply. The aid usually given is \$9 per month, and this not a gift, but a loan to be returned after five years without interest. If not paid within the five years the notes after that will draw four per cent interest. The first of the notes became due a few months ago, and some of them have been paid.

The annual account of the Corresponding Secretary from December 5, 1898, to December 2, 1899, shows the following:

DEBITS.

Received from J. D. Boushall, Treasurer..... \$2,458.72

CREDITS.

Balance due on last year's account..... \$6.78

Paid out during the year, as per receipts..... 2,435.45

Cash in hand to balance..... 16.49

2,458.72

The above account itemized has been audited and certified as follows:

“I have carefully examined the above account of Dr. John Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, beginning December 5, 1898, and ending December 2, 1899, and find them correct and properly vouched, with a balance of sixteen dollars and forty-nine cents (\$16 49) in hand.”

J. M. BREWER,

Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,

Cor. Sec'y.

W. L. POTEAT,

President.

Remarks were made by John Mitchell, C. E. Taylor, and R. T. Vann, after which the report was adopted.

J. S. Hardaway reported having sent to the North Carolina men in the Seminary the greetings of the Convention, citing II Thess. i. 11, 12.

Thomas Hume offered the following resolution, which, after remarks by Thomas Hume, J. D. Hufham, and J. C. Caddell, was adopted:

Resolved. That the Convention recommend the Baptist Historical Papers, the valuable quarterly of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Society, published at Henderson, North Carolina, by brethren J. D. Hufham and T. M. Pittman, at \$1.00 per year, to all who are interested in the careful search for truth and in the permanent record of the best results. It must be sustained by Baptists for their own sake while they thus advance God's own truths.

J. B. Carlyle offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the hearty thanks of this Convention be extended to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and to the people of this beautiful mountain city for their unstinted hospitality; to the different churches of the city for the tender of their pulpits on the Sabbath; to Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt for an invitation to visit his magnificent estate, and to the railroads of the State for reduced rates.

On motion of J. B. Carlyle, the Secretaries are allowed the usual compensation, and instructed to have the usual number of minutes printed.

J. M. White, for the committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Eleven of our honored brethren have died since the meeting of this Convention last year in Greenville. Extended notices of all these good brethren would make a report too long to be spread upon the minutes of this Convention. Your committee therefore present the following brief report :

WHEREAS, The Great Head of the Church has, in His inscrutable wisdom, seen fit to remove from the vineyard of Christ on earth to the place He has prepared for His people in heaven, the following beloved brethren, namely: Elders J. H. Lamberth, G. W. Mace, J. W. Anderson, William Parsons, W. E. Hensley, J. B. Poole, W. T. Jones, Laurel Hill, Virginia, J. D. Robertson, Rock Hill, South Carolina, J. N. Hoggard, G. W. Santerlin, D.D., LL.D., C. J. Nelson, and brethren J. H. Mills, W. S. Granly; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for giving us in the lives of these brethren gifts and influences that have greatly helped in the Master's work, and that we are also thankful for the good accomplished through the instrumentality of these brethren while they were with us on earth.

Resolved 2nd, That the profound and heartfelt sympathy of this body be extended to the families of these brethren and to the churches from which they were taken.

F. H. JONES,
 J. M. WHITE,
 H. A. BROWN,
 W. R. GWALTNEY,
 J. D. HUFHAM,
 E. ALLISON,

Committee.

On motion of N. B. Broughton, the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools is requested to incorporate a list of our deceased brethren in their report.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow evening for the closing exercises of the Convention.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY EVENING.

At the conclusion of the sermon to-night by W. C. Tyree, President Marsh called the Convention to order, and made appropriate closing remarks. He was followed by J. A. Stradley and T. E. Skinner.

On motion of Livingston Johnson, the Convention then adjourned to meet in Raleigh at 7.30 p. m., on Wednesday, December 5, 1900.

R. H. MARSH, PRESIDENT.

N. B. BROUGHTON,

HIGHT C. MOORE,

Secretaries.

APPENDIX I.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Abernathy, J. W., Matthews.
Adams, G. W., Fair Plains.
Adams, E. J., Richmond Hill.
Adams, J. Q., Wadesboro.
Adams, M. A., Cary.
Adams, M. H., Venable.
Adams, J. J., Clinton.
Adderton, W. S., Denton.
Alderman, J. O., Raleigh.
Allen, W. M., Fletcher.
Allison, E., Brevard.
Aman, D. F., Marines.
Ammons, J. A., Needmore.
Ammons, John, Outlook.
Anderson, E. F., Transom.
Anderson, C. J. F., Hertford.
Angel, James J., Boonville.
Annas, J. R. J., Monbo.
Arrington, T. F., Cowarts.
Arrington, C. C., Shelton.
Atkinson, J. W., Neuse.
Austin, D. M., Charlotte.
Austin, J. H., Rockingham.
Ayers, W. A., Bethel.
- Bailey, L. J., Walnut Run.
Bain, G. A., Buies Creek.
Baldwin, M., Huntsville.
Baldwin, T. M., Rise.
Baldwin, J. R., Sias Creek.
Ball, C. T., Spring Hope.
Ballard, W. S., Clarkton.
Billard, J. M., Doolie.
Barker, A. N., Grade.
Burker, H. M., Peachtree.
Barker, W. F., Bud.
Barnes, S. D., Boomer.
Barnes, S. B., Lewiston.
Barnes, K., Sterling.
Barrett, W. C., Raleigh.
Barron, A. C., Charlotte.
Barr, J. S., Pinckton.
Barrett, E. B., Peachland.
Bartlett, G. A., Franklin.
Bassett, J. E., Asheville.
Beach, J. J., Moravian Falls.
Beach, W. R., King's Creek.
Beam, J. A., Bethel Hill.
Beamer, W. H., Pine Ridge.
Beard, C. E., Winnie.
- Beaver, C. E., Mt. Holly.
Beeker, S. J., Boonville.
Beck, A. W., Cithonn.
Bell, J. W., Clinton.
Bennett, J., Iredehl.
Bennett, J. L., Marshville.
Bennett, J. M., Churchland.
Betts, Alvin, Raleigh.
Betts, A. L., Louisville, Ky.
Bilbro, W. L., Ayden.
Bivens, J. A., Richardson's Creek.
Blackburn, S., Bud.
Black, C. J., Big Lick.
Blackwell, J. W., Unaka.
Blackwell, C. S., Wilmington.
Blalock, J. C., Ledger.
Blalock, T. L., Chung Kiang, China.
Blalock, J. G., Whiteville.
Blanchard, C. W., Kinston.
Bland, Wm., Hawley's Store.
Blanton, J. C., Fancy.
Blevins, John, Hermitage.
Blevins, B., Absher.
Blevins, E., Blevins.
Blevins, C., Ira.
Blevins, S., Dehart.
Boone, J. B., Thomasville.
Boone, J. R., Estatee.
Booth, J. N., Greenville.
Bordeaux, A. J., Doughton.
Bostick, W. M., Troy.
Bostic, G. P., Shanghai, China.
Bostic, W. D., Rock Spring.
Boyd, J. P., Polkton.
Bradley, J. A., Grape Vine.
Bradley, W. T., Morgan Hill.
Bradley, W. L., Harris.
Bradshaw, E. T., Cora.
Bradshaw, W. R., North Wilkesboro.
Brantley, J. P., Perth.
Bray, G. N., Henderson.
Bridgers, S. A., Forest City.
Bridges, B. M., Lattimore.
Bridges, D. P., Lincolnton.
Bridges, J. D., New House.
Briggs, H. W., Budd Creek.
Briggs, J. W., Mars Hill.
Briggs, W. K., Briggsville.
Bright, A., Spring Creek.
Bright, T., Murphy.

- Brindle, J. A., Wake Forest.
 Brisson, Wm., Guyton.
 Britton, T. C., Sooy Chow, China.
 Bristow, S. F., Colerain.
 Britt, D. C., Pittsboro.
 Britt, J. L., Turkey.
 Brock, T. J., Ac on.
 Brooks, C. V., Lemon Springs.
 Brooks, G. W., Brevard.
 Brookshier, J. L., Flat Rock.
 Brown, Asa, Riverside.
 Brown, A. E., Asheville.
 Brown, T. K., Black Mountain.
 Brown, J. W., Absher.
 Brown, C. C., Hamptonville.
 Brown, H. A., Winston.
 Brown, Joel, Eikville.
 Brown, W. G., Cross Roads Church.
 Brunt, Wm., Winnie.
 Bryan, L., Cypress Creek.
 Bryan, R. T., Shanghai, China.
 Buchanan, C. S., Barker.
 Buchanan, J. W., Minneapolis.
 Buchanan, J. L., Barker.
 Buchanan, S., Plum Tree.
 Buchanan, W. S., Bakersville.
 Buchanan, E., Bakersville.
 Bumgardner, A. P., Caesar.
 Bumgarner, W. J., Swanner.
 Burcham, G. M., Eikin.
 Burcham, A. J., Mt. Airy.
 Burchett, J. W., Ronda.
 Butler, R. M., Winterville.
 Butler, A. A., Franklinton.
 Byrd, R. L., Tolarsville.
 Byrd, W. F., Trap Hill.

 Caines, G. C., Orton.
 Caldwell, W. R., Robbinsville.
 Caldwell, Jno. W., Loreta.
 Cale, D., Potecasi.
 Callahan, N. A., White Hall.
 Calhoun, C. I., Medlin.
 Calhoun, T. J., Medlin.
 Calloway, J. M., Jefferson.
 Camp, T. C., Tusquitee.
 Campbell, A. N., Buies Creek.
 Campbell, J. A., Buies Creek.
 Campbell, Neal, Thaxton.
 Carroll, R. D., Smyrna.
 Carroll, S. T., Stony Fork.
 Carol, L. R., Warsaw.
 Carrick, Thomas, High Point.
 Carlton, W. F., Reddies River.
 Carswell, Z., Enola.
 Carter, I. M., Bernice.
 Carter, Henry, Garland.
 Carter, T. S., Palestine.
 Cashwell, C. S., Shelby.

 Cashwell, J., Bladenboro.
 Cassiday, W. A., Trail Branch.
 Caudle, A. B., Wingate.
 Caudle, R. T., Rockingham.
 Caudle, J. J., Dockery.
 Chafin, M. S., Calahan.
 Chambers, S. A., Waynesville.
 Chappell, W. Y., Flint.
 Chappell, L. N., Milton.
 Cheek, F. B., Whitehead.
 Church, G. H., Burlington.
 Church, J. W., Reedy Branch.
 Clark, D. J., R. gister.
 Clark, F. P., Dogwood.
 Clark, M. L., Morganton.
 Clark, N. L., Chambers.
 Clarke, J. D., St. Paul's.
 Clayton, Clubb, Sexton.
 Clement, A. B., Business.
 Clenny, L. M., Silver.
 Cleavland, F. L., Chapel Hill.
 Cobb, N. B., Harrell's Store.
 Cobb, J. W., Lumber Bridge.
 Coleman, A., Murphy.
 Coley, W. J., Northside.
 Collie, D. S., Bryson City.
 Collins, J. W., Polk.
 Comer, J. Q., Hamptonville.
 Comer, W. T., Lovelace.
 Compton, M. C., Clyde.
 Conner, W. E., Quailtown.
 Conrad, S. F., Charlotte.
 Conway, W. W., Biton.
 Cook, H. B., Medlin.
 Cook, J. H., Lark.
 Coppedge, G. W., Wakefield.
 Corn, A. J., Grange.
 Corn, Noah, Little Creek.
 Corpening, J. S., Washington.
 Cothren, Grant, Trap Hill.
 Cowan, G. N., Edenton.
 Craig, B., Tarboro.
 Cree, A., Littleton.
 Cree, A. C., So. Bap. Theo. Seminary.
 Creech, Worley, Micro.
 Crews, R. W., Germanton.
 Crisp, J. F., Lenoir.
 Crisp, E. D., Upton.
 Crisp, R. H., Dorsey.
 Croom, H. M., Pearl.
 Cross, R. D., Ahoskie.
 Croxton, A. M., Monroe.
 Crumpler, J. C., Hope Mills.
 Cullom, W. R., Wake Forest.
 Cunningham, H. A., Swain.
 Current, J. M., Buck Shoal.
 Curtis, L. M., Aulander.

 Daitz, T. F., Barker.

- Davenport, J. E. M., Coinjock.
 Davis, A., Low Gap.
 Davis, W. H., Troy.
 Davis, A. C., Olive Branch.
 Davis, A. W., Barker.
 Davis, J. F., Palmerville.
 Davis, J. F., Taylorsville.
 Dehart, T. S., Swain.
 Dennis, J. D., Polk.
 Denton, J. R., Dvsartsville.
 Devenny, J. V., Buies Creek.
 Devin, R. I., Oxford.
 Deweese, E. A., Murphy.
 Deweese, L., Outlook.
 Deweese, W. W., Burningtown.
 Dietz, J. S., Pearson.
 Dietz, T. F., Dillsboro.
 Dixon, L. R., Goldston.
 Dixon, T., Shelby.
 Dobson, J. H., Atkinson.
 Douglass, J. J., Clinton.
 Dowell, G. J., Lumberton.
 Dowell, J., Jennings.
 Downey, J. W., Buchanan.
 Duke, G. M., Dukes.
 Duncan, T. M., Beaver Creek.
 Duncan, J. W., Ledger.
 Duncan, H. J., Clinton.
 Dunn, W. C., Balsam Grove.
 Durham, C. H., Asheville.
- Earl, J. M., Swain.
 Early, D. W., Aulander.
 Edmundson, John T., Littleton.
 Edwards, A. A., Winnabow.
 Edwards, D. D., Durham.
 Edwards, E. J., Southport.
 Edwards, J. R., Swain.
 Edwards, O. T., Mt. Vernon Springs.
 Edwards, W. H., Durham.
 Elam, P. R., Kings Mountain.
 Ellen, M. H., Durham.
 Eller, J. F., Sweet Water.
 Eller, G. W., Jefferson.
 Ellington, E. P., Reidsville.
 Elliott, Josiah, Hertford.
 Ensley, W., Dillsboro.
 Eudy, G. L., Efrid's Mills.
- Farthing, C. S., Hattie.
 Farthing, J. H., Hattie.
 Farthing, R. M., Bakersville.
 Felmet, C. F., Waco.
 Fender, A., Laurleton.
 Ferrebee, J. B., Elizabeth City.
 Ferrell, B. S., Waxhaw.
 Fields, C. F., Elkin.
 Finch, G. L., Carthage.
 Fisher, J. G., Roslin.
- Fleetwood, J. C., Margarettsville.
 Fontaine, P. H., Bethel Hill.
 Ford, T. W., Ellhjay.
 Forester, J. A., North Wilkesboro.
 Fox, E. L., Star.
 Franklin, J. K., Devotion.
 Freeman, F. M., Logan's Store.
 Frisbie, T. J., Spring Creek.
 Furgerson, P. F., Lambsville.
 Fulford, W. J., Rockingham.
 Fuqua, S. W., Eagle Springs.
- Galloway, J. A., Wolf Mountain.
 Galloway, J. E., Galloway.
 Gentry, S. E., Dobson.
 Gibbs, N. H., Benson.
 Gilbert, R. H., Plymouth.
 Gillam, E. R., Drew.
 Gilmore, S., Goldston.
 Glenn, W. H., Grigsby.
 Glidewell, C. W., Tuttle.
 Goforth, M. A., Big Pine.
 Goforth, S. S., Lovelace.
 Gooden, A. H., Bryantsville.
 Gordon, J. H., Averell, Va.
 Gornley, M., Aquone.
 Gosnell, G. W., Owenby.
 Gough, D. A., Bandana.
 Gourlev, Robert, Winston.
 Gower, C. E., Clayton.
 Graham, H. W., Swann Station.
 Greaves, C. L., Rockingham.
 Gray, W. F., Buck Shoal.
 Gray, W. T., Marler.
 Green, David, Norris.
 Green, B. P., Mooresboro.
 Green, J. B., Forest City.
 Green, J., Boiling Springs.
 Green, R. G., Hamptonville.
 Green, Solomon, Stony Fork.
 Greene, G. W., Canton, China.
 Greene, Edmund, Norris.
 Greene, L. H., Bakersville.
 Greene, D. A., Bakersville.
 Greene, M. L., Ahoskie.
 Greene, S. M., Bakersville.
 Greenwood, ———, Paint Rock.
 Griffin, J. Z., Baton.
 Griffin, J. W., Dallas.
 Grindstaff, I., Bakersville.
 Grizzard, R. W., Wallace.
 Gullede, J. G., Brown Creek.
 Gwaltney, J. P., Mt. Pisgah.
 Gwaltney, H. H., Vernon.
 Gwaltney, J. S., Cora.
 Gwaltney, L. P., Vashti.
 Gwaltney, W. R., Hickory.
 Gwyn, E. N., Buck Shoal.

- Hackney, J. D., Franklinville.
 Hackney, J. A., Greensboro.
 Hagaman, J. P., Boone.
 Hagleman, J. G., Sweet Water.
 Haithcock, U. F., Albemarle.
 Haire, P. H., Fleetwood.
 Hall, J. W., Hayesville.
 Hall, W. F., Idaho.
 Hall, S. W., Sandy Ridge.
 Hamilton, L. C., Bowman's Bluff.
 Hamilton, R. F., Knight.
 Hamrick, W. C., Flats.
 Hoke, B. L., Kings Mountain.
 Holland, G. W., Winston.
 Hollar, E., Felts.
 Hollar, I., Enpeptic Springs.
 Holleman, J. M., Apex.
 Hollifield, A. P., Ellenboro.
 Honeycutt, G. A., Whitley.
 Honeycutt, R., Beaman's X Roads.
 Honeycutt, T. M., Mars Hill.
 Honeycutt, W. H., Concord.
 Hooker, W. H., Marshall.
 Hooper, G. W., Robbinsville.
 Hooper, L. W., Tuckaseegee.
 Hopper, P. G., Isa.
 Hopper, C. F., Clinton.
 Hord, A. T., Cleveland.
 Horner, K. C., Harper's X Roads.
 Horner, T. J., Henderson.
 Horrell, R. W., St. Paul.
 Horton, O. C., East Durham.
 Howard, H. H., Bee Log.
 Howell, W. T., Wake Forest.
 Howell, L. K., Rocky Mount.
 Hoyle, J. A., Maiden.
 Hoyle, B. M., Estatoe.
 Hudgins, Richard, Pump.
 Hudson, T. J., Ching Kiang.
 Hudson, D. J., Bessie.
 Hufham, J. D., Henderson.
 Hughes, J., Byrd.
 Hughes, S. A., Valley.
 Hull, W. F., Camp Creek.
 Hume, Thos., Chapel Hill.
 Hunt, A., Gamble's Store.
 Hunter, A. D., Cary.
 Hurley, A., Thaxton.
 Humphries, T. J., Bethel Hill.
 Hutchinson, J. H., Hutchinson's Store.
 Hamner, W. H., Lexington.
 Hamrick, F. C., Pump.
 Hamrick, D. M., Rutherfordton.
 Hamrick, G. P., Boiling Springs.
 Hardaway, J. S., Oxford.
 Hare, H., Gap Creek.
 Harman, A. J., Harman.
 Harman, D. C., Sugar Grove.
 Harman, G. W., Ramseur.
 Harman, J. M., Sugar Grove.
 Harnley, A. H., New Bern.
 Harrill, H. D., Forest City.
 Harrell, E. J., Aulander.
 Harrell, W. B., Dunn.
 Harrell, J. B., Magnolia.
 Harrelson, H., Gaddysville.
 Harrill, Z. D., Ellenboro.
 Harrill, E. D., Ellenboro.
 Harrill, G. P., Murfreesboro.
 Harrington, E. P., Mission.
 Harris, B. B., Dyartsville.
 Harris, D. J., Yanceyville.
 Harris, D. P., Elizabeth City.
 Harris, J. M., Dogwood.
 Harris, Wm., Knapp's Mills.
 Hartley, D. C., Minneapolis.
 Hartsell, J. W., Morven.
 Hartsell, P. G., Concord.
 Hawkins, A. B., Leicester.
 Hawkins, R. M., Sharon.
 Haymore, C. C., Mt. Airy.
 Haymore, R. D., Mt. Airy.
 Haynes, J. M., Clyde.
 Haynes, W., Asheville.
 Hedgepeth, I. P., Lumberton.
 Hedgepeth, R. A., Autryville.
 Hefner, D., Lenoir.
 Henderson, G. W., Blaine.
 Hensley, S. B., Bee Log.
 Henson, A. B., Balsam.
 Herring, D. W., Ching Kiang, China.
 Herring, R. H., Wilmington.
 Hewitt, D. L., Shallotte.
 Hice, J. H., Baton.
 Hilburn, D. H., Bladenboro.
 Hilburn, L. W., Freeman.
 Hilburn, Rufus M., Bladenboro.
 Hildebrand, A., Pearson.
 Hildreth, J. H., Wilmington.
 Hill, A. H., Cottonville.
 Hill, T. B., So. Bup. Theo. Sem.
 Hilliard, J. M., High Point.
 Hocutt, J. C., Graham.
 Hocutt, J. E., Nashville.
 Hodge, J. F., Pool.
 Hoge, B. Lacy, Concord.
 Hogue, G. F., Boonville.
 Ingram, H. M., Pekin.
 Irwin, A. C., Pearl.
 Isaac, E., Lineback.
 Israel, L. Y., Dunsmore.
 Jackson, Elbert, Turner's.
 James, R. H., Reuben.
 Jamerson, Wm., Rest Haven.

- Jamison, Wesley, Bald Creek.
 Jarvis, R. F., Adlev.
 Johnson, C. C., Reese.
 Johnson, L., Greensboro.
 Johnson, Wm. R., Ashe.
 Johnson, R. K., Edwards X Roads.
 Johnson, S. H., Gray's Creek.
 Johnson, L. E., Fremont.
 Johnson, J. B., Walnut Cove.
 Jolly, J. R., Lomax.
 Jones, E. F., Zionsville.
 Jones, J. R., Royal.
 Jones, R. H., Ai.
 Jones, Wm. H., Blue Ridge.
 Jones, W. J., Estate.
 Jones, W. M., Wadesboro.
 Jordan, F. M., East Fork.
 Jordan, J. R., Franklinville.
 Jordan, James, Franklinville.
 Jordan, S., Robbinsville.
 Jordan, W. P., Hertford.
 Jordan, Y., Osbornsville.
 Justice, A. A., Etna.
 Justice, T. B., Rutherfordton.
 Justice, A. I., Fruitland.
 Justice, C. B., Rutherfordton.
- Kane, E. F., Good Spring.
 Kanot, J., Robbinsville.
 Kesler, M. L., Rocky Mount.
 Keeler, S. J.,
 King, J. D., Wampler.
 King, R. W., Wampler.
 King, T. C., Riceville.
 King, W. G., Villanow.
 Kinsland, J. L., Roan Mt.
 Kirk, J. T., Trap Hill.
 Knight, W. F., Blowing Rock.
 Kuykendall, J. A., Leicester.
 Kuykendall, W. I., Alexander.
- Lancaster, J. F., Oak Ridge.
 Lancaster, W. D., Sandy Springs.
 Lane, J. L., Summerfield.
 Lanning, Jeff., Denton.
 Landsell, J. J., Roxboro.
 Larkins, J. D., Kenansville.
 Latta, A. T., Monroe.
 Lawhon, W. H. H., Lawhon.
 Lawing, J. W., Peachtree.
 Leach, M. J., Lassiter.
 Leatherman, J. F., Hull's X Roads.
 Lee, W. F., Tiptop.
 Lee, W. M., Summit.
 Lee, M. L., Ashpole.
 Leggatt, B., Windsor.
 Leggett, R. J., Howelville.
 Lennon, J. P., Applewhite.
- Lewellyn, J. H., Dobson.
 Lewis, C. H., Gamble's Store.
 Lewis, L. G., Pennington.
 Lewis, Joseph, Gage.
 Lewis, J. L., Laurelton.
 Lewis, John, Clayton.
 Lilly, Edmond, King's Creek.
 Limrick, R. L., Shelby.
 Little, J. W., Lane's Creek.
 Little, T. P., Marshall.
 Littleton, J. W., Palestine.
 Livingston, D. K., Little Pine Creek.
 Lloyd, L. A., Nashville.
 Loftis, R. M., Culler.
 Long, W. H., Ayr.
 Logan, J. H., Excelsior.
 Loudermilk, D. P., Bridgewater.
 Lynch, J. W., Wake Forest.
- Macomson, M. V., Graham.
 Manly, H., Brevard.
 Marcus, W. A., Homestead.
 Morgau, B. L., Homestead.
 Morgan, D. A., Spring Creek.
 Morgan, E. J., Candler.
 Morgan, F. M., Flats.
 Morgan, S. J., Morgan Hill.
 Morgan, W. C., Robbinsville.
 Morriss, H., Palmerville.
 Morton, D. S., Whitney.
 Morton, H., Thomasville.
 Morton, W. B., Roxboro.
 Morton, W. G., Albemarle.
 Moss, T. J., Forest City.
 Moss, N. H., Cherryville.
 Mull, W. B., Shoup's Ford.
 Mullinox, T. H., Grover.
 Mundy, J. A., Reidsville.
 Murchison, C. M., Penelope.
 Myers, I. T., So. Bap. Theo. Sem. •
 Myers, W. W., Round Mountain.
 Myers, D. R., Salisbury.
 Myers, T. C., Martin.
 Myers, A. A., Round Mountain.
 Myers, J. W., Round Mountain.
 Marley, H. C., Lenoir.
 Marsh, A., Marshville.
 Marsh, R. H., Oxford.
 Martin, C. H., Polkton.
 Martin, C. F., Murphy.
 Martin, J. H., Hamptonville.
 Martin, J. L., Creedmore.
 Martin, W. N., Trail Branch.
 Marshburn, A. B., Nealsville.
 Mashburn, H. H., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Mason, J. A., Conclave.
 Mason, W. C., Flats.
 Mason, B. K., Williamston.

- Mason, N. J., Louisville.
 Matthews, J. R., Hexlena.
 Matthews, B. H., Biltmore.
 Matthews, N. J., Pilot Mountain.
 Matthias, B., Buck Shoal.
 May, S. S., Allgood.
 Mercer, T. J., Bolivia
 McCarson, J. L., Hendersonville.
 McClure, W. B., Alexis.
 McDevitt, P., Mars Hill.
 McDuffie, J. F., Rock Springs
 McGinnis, I. J., Banners Elk.
 McGugan, C. P., Lumber Bridge.
 McIntosh, C. M., Clement.
 McKaughan, J. A., Albemarle.
 McKinney, C. H., Bakersville.
 McLendon, J. J., Wolfsville.
 McLeod, D., Selma.
 McLure, W. H., Henrietta.
 McLure, W. B., Alexis.
 McMahan, A., Forest City.
 McMillan, D. C., Ashpole.
 McNeil, M., Wilkesboro.
 Meadows, W. C., Poor's Knob.
 Meeks, O. P., Clinton.
 Melton, W. H., Kapp's Mill.
 Melvin, W. A., Harrell's Store.
 Melvin, W. S., Winnie.
 Merrell, G. L., Hobgood.
 Metcalf, C. C., Briggsville.
 Michael, Ray, Nettle Knob.
 Miles, John A., Leicester.
 Miller, Daniel L., Highlands.
 Miller, I. C., Summit.
 Miller, Jno. R., Fair Grove.
 Milliken, C., Ash.
 Milliken, H., Ash.
 Mints, J. A., Shallotte.
 Mitchell, John, Wake Forest.
 Mitchell, S. W., Asheville.
 Moffitt, J. I., Stone Mountain.
 Montague, E. J., Allensville.
 Moore, S. F., Fairview.
 Moore, H. C., New Bern.
 Moore, I. F., Lynch.
 Moore, J. O., Hunting Creek.
 Moore, R. A., Red Springs.
 Moore, R. R., Greensboro.
 Moore, J. D., Red Springs.
 Moore, J. R., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Naylor, M. W., Giles Mills.
 Nelson, E. R., Hendersonville.
 Nelson, J. H., Patterson.
 Newell, G. W., Mapleville.
 Newton, W. C., Goldsboro.
 Newton, I. T., Brevard.
 Newton, J. B., Aulander.
 Newton, J. D., Thomasville.
 Newton, H. F., Casar.
 Nichols, W. E., Tracadia.
 Noble, J. W., Willard.
 Norris, H. W., Cosma.
 Norris, Isaac, Cruso.
 Norris, John, Sweet Water.
 Norton, J. H., Venabic.
 Nowell, W. C., Nashville.
 Olive, W. S., Apex.
 Oliver, P., Dalton.
 Ollis, W. H., Plum Tree.
 Oneil, G. G., Neuse.
 Orr, G. W., Robbinsville.
 Orrell, N. B., Abbotts Creek.
 Osment, J. R., Dallas.
 Overby, R. R., Belcross.
 Overton, W. C., Harrelsville.
 Owen, S. C., Candler
 Owen, J. C., China.
 Owen, J. L., Highlands.
 Oxford, Isaac, Cedar Valley.
 Pace, J. R., Oxford.
 Page, S. C., Godwin.
 Page, Wiley M., Falcon.
 Palmer, R. L., Leander.
 Parks, E. L., Lisbon.
 Parker, C. J. D., Durham.
 Panther, J. P., Quallatown.
 Pardew, A. T., Wilkesboro.
 Paris, T. W., New Castle.
 Parish, M. E., Salisbury.
 Patton, R. L., Morganton.
 Paul, C. B., Swansboro.
 Payne, J. M., Blowing Rock.
 Payseur, J. J., Wilmington.
 Peek, I. T., Cullasija.
 Pendergrass, J. R., Franklin.
 Peebles, G. W., Glady.
 Penick, W. S., Elizabeth City.
 Perkinson, L. C., Wise.
 Pernell, M. R., Franklinton.
 Peterson, C. D., Dalila.
 Phillips, John, Beech Creek.
 Phillips, Wm., Mt. Airy.
 Phillips, J. L., Houck.
 Phillips, J. B., Collettsville.
 Pierce, E. S., Pantego.
 Pinner, R., Faust.
 Pippin, A. A., Wakefield.
 Pitchford, J. A., Littleton.
 Pittman, A. R., Rennert.
 Pittman, A. E. C., Rennert.
 Platt, J. T., Warne.
 Plemmons, James, Biltmore.
 Poe, E. A., Cora.

- Pool, E. Y., Bethel Hill.
 Pool, C. C., Partee.
 Pool, D. W., Vashiti.
 Porter, S. J., Morganton.
 Porter, W. F., Dehart.
 Porter, C. W., Elm City.
 Porter, A. H., Orton.
 Poston, R., Shelby.
 Potter, W. J., Elk Park.
 Powell, J. W., Rocky Mount.
 Powers, J. H., Mt. Airy.
 Prevatt, F. A., Lumberton.
 Prevatt, John, Huntley.
 Prewett, N., Knob Creek.
 Privette, I. T., Wilkesboro.
 Proffit, M. S., Democrat.
 Pruett, L. R., Charlotte.
 Pruitt, Julius, Connelly's Springs.
 Pruitt, Berry, Knob Creek.
 Pruitt, G., Penelope.
 Pruitt, Wm., Alice.
 Pugh, J. M., Randleman.
 Pulliam, J. G., Lenoir.
 Putnam, J. W., Magnetic City.
 Putnam, D. F., Cherryville.
- Queen, A. C., Cowarts.
 Queen, B. N., Tuckasegee.
 Queen, J. H., Bryson City.
 Queen, L. E., Cowarts.
- Ramsey, Garret, Marshall.
 Ramsbottom, C. F., Chadbourn.
 Reaves, E. A., Statesville.
 Rector, J. A., Morganton.
 Reddish, W. H., Wilson.
 Redwine, J. F., Fork Church.
 Reece, J. N., Galloway.
 Reed, W. W., Balsam.
 Reid, T. M., Hughes.
 Reedy, E. W., Crumpler.
 Reese, J. V., Cruso.
 Rhodes, J. R., Saluda.
 Rickard, D. V., Columbia.
 Rich, W. H., Thomasville.
 Rich, H. P., Glady.
 Richardson, J. B., High Point.
 Rickman, P. R., Leatherman.
 Riddle, B. B., Pensacola.
 Riddle, H. B., Big Pine.
 Riddle, J., Beaver Creek.
 Roberts, Creed, Berlin.
 Roberts, D. J., Cherry Lane.
 Roberts, D. J., Trap Hill.
 Robertson, W. A., Barnardsville.
 Rogers, M., Bushnell.
 Rollins, B. F., Elkin.
 Rose, J. W., Goldsboro.
- Ross, A. M., Kings Mountain.
 Rowell, J. E., Cleon.
 Rowell, S. J., Cleon.
 Roy, W. H., Paint Fork.
 Royall, W. B., Wake Forest.
 Royal, F. M., Ching Kiang, China.
 Royal, R., Kelly.
 Ruppe, John, Byarsville.
- Sales, J., Mount Tabor.
 Sams, J. F., Cane River.
 Sandling, R. C., Clinton.
 Saunders, B., Lilesville.
 Scarborough, C. W., Murfreesboro.
 Scotten, A. K., Coleridge.
 Seagraves, W. M., Jonesville.
 Sears, D. R., Siler City.
 Segle, L. M., Spring Creek.
 Sellers, Lorenzo, Supply.
 Sentell, R. A., Clyde.
 Settle, J. F., Byrd.
 Settlemyre, G. W.
 Setzer, A. W., Morehead City.
 Shaver, J. M., Dealville.
 Shaw, J. A., Louisville, Ky.
 Sheets, Henry, Lexington.
 Shell, P. J., Altamont.
 Shell, J. T., Petra Mills.
 Shell, L. C., Jonas Ridge.
 Shelly, N. A., Burgaw.
 Shepherd, J. J., Brindletown.
 Sherrill, T. C., Jumbo.
 Sherwood, J. J. L., Yerger.
 Shinn, J. L., Mooresville.
 Shoaf, R. L., Linney.
 Shumate, James, Delphia.
 Silver, Thomas, Micaville.
 Simmons, S. F., Jonesville.
 Sims, A. H., Franklin.
 Simms, A. M., Raleigh.
 Skinner, T. E., Raleigh.
 Sledge, J. W., Stallings.
 Sluder, M. M., Juno.
 Smiley, J. S., Swain.
 Smith, A. B., Dillsboro.
 Smith, James A., Fair Bluff.
 Smith, Forrest, Louisburg.
 Smith, J. E., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Smith, J. L., Siler City.
 Smith, W. A., West Durham.
 Snider, J. W., Newell.
 Snider, S. J., Matthews.
 Soles, J., Mount Tabor.
 Sorrels, J. C., Garden City.
 Sorrell, W. M., Cary.
 Sothern, W. P., Asheville.
 Sparks, J. C., Bakersville.
 Speight, T. T., Lewiston.

- Speight, J. A., Ahoskie.
 Spence, J. R., Polk.
 Spence, J. P., Elizabeth City.
 Spilman, B. W., Raleigh.
 Sprinkle, A. J., Peek.
 Stallings, J. N., Salisbury.
 Stallings, N. P., Hertford.
 Stamey, A., Bliss.
 Stamey, E. A., Lineback.
 Stanley, J. F., Solitude.
 Stephens, M. A., Lumberton.
 Stewart, J. L., Clinton.
 Stoker, A. P., Denton.
 Stone, C. K., Haystack.
 Stough, A. L., Pineville.
 Stradley, J. A., Oxford.
 Stringfield, O. L., Raleigh.
 Summey, J. A., Hannersville.
 Suttle, J. W., Smithfield.
 Swaim, S. D., Mocksville.
 Swaim, V. M., Cross Roads Church.
 Swain, E. L., Shallotte.

 Tatum, E. F., China.
 Talbirt, W. T., Concord.
 Taylor, J. R., Wake Forest.
 Taylor, C. R., Wake Forest.
 Taylor, A. J., Chiriquapin.
 Taylor, C. E., Jefferson.
 Taylor, C. E., Wake Forest.
 Taylor, E. L., Rutherfordton.
 Taylor, T. J., Warrenton.
 Teeter, E. D., Locust Level.
 Tew, J. W., Iredell.
 Tew, D. T., Clinton.
 Thomas, A. B., Silver.
 Thomas, C. A. G., Fayetteville.
 Thomas, I. W., Lenoir.
 Thomas, James, Bandana.
 Thompson, K., Low Gap.
 Tilley, George V., Winston.
 Thorn, J. B., Ferry.
 Toney, B. W., Sunshine.
 Townsend, J. T., Carmichael.
 Treadway, E. R., Cove Creek.
 Tredway, R. F., Shelby.
 Trivett, J. W., Dark Ridge.
 Tucker, Elihu, Bud.
 Turner, E. W., Trap Hill.
 Tuttle, J. F., Elizabeth City.
 Tyree, W. C., Durham.

 Utley, C. H., Cana.

 Vannoy, W. H., Hamptonville.
 Vann, R. T., Scotland Neck.
 Vernon, J. H., Wake Forest.
 Vestal, M. M., Jonesville.

 Vines, J. F., Asheville.
 Vines, W. M., Asheville.
 Vinson, J. D., Cullasaja.
 Vipperman, J. H., Culler.
 Vipperman, J. L., Newton.

 Waff, W. B., Reynoldson.
 Walker, N., Newcastle.
 Wallen, Jesse, Marshall.
 Wallen, S., Big Laurel.
 Walton, M. C., Wilmington.
 Ward, W., Asheville.
 Ward, Benjamin, Marines.
 Watson, W. F., Gastonia.
 Watson, T. D., Dillsboro.
 Watson, J. W., Chapel Hill.
 Weatherman, J. G., Jennings.
 Webb, G. M., Shelby.
 Wheeler, Z. W., New Light.
 Webster, G. B., Pactolus.
 Welborn, T. M., Trap Hill.
 Wells, C. G., Spencer.
 Welch, H. D., Balsam.
 West, J. H., Downsview.
 West, W. C., Fayetteville.
 Weston, E. L., Adams.
 Wheelous, Z. W., Guissom.
 Whisnant, E. S., Maiden.
 White, J. A., Taylorsville.
 White, J. E., Raleigh.
 White, J. M., Apex.
 White, G. W., Rockylock.
 White, M. P., Wilmington.
 Whitener, P. A., Morganton.
 Whiteside, Z. T., Uree.
 Whiteside, W. M., Rutherfordton.
 Whitlock, L. A., Silver.
 Wilcox, A. G., Brinkleyville.
 Wilcox, William, Todd.
 Wilcox, A., Caldwell.
 Wild, J. M., Walnut Run.
 Wild, J. R., Big Pine.
 Wilhoit, G. O., Ansonville.
 Wilkins, W. E., Mars Hill.
 Williams, A. J., Kapp's Mill.
 Williams, B. B., Harrellsville.
 Williamsville, C. C., Royal.
 Williams, J. M., Clover.
 Williams, O. P., Robbinsville.
 Wilson, L. A., Sutherlands.
 Wilson, Samuel, Bee Log.
 Wilson, W. H., Madison.
 Wood, T. G., Belcross.
 Wood, E. M., Cisco.
 Woodruff, C. E., Hickory.
 Woodson, C. J., Shelby.
 Woodward, J. S., Needmore.
 Wooten, E. W., Clarkton.

Wooten, F. T., Salemburg.
Wright, N., Lark.
Wright, J. W., Felts.
Wright, T. S., Rockingham.
Wright, W. L., Troy.
Wyatt, W. J., Perth.

Yarborough, A., Lexington.
Younce, Jacob, Cowarts.
Yoder, S. B., Franklin.
Young, A. W., Scaly.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS, 1899.

Associations	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	The Poor.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educational.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Ministerial Relief.	Minute Fund.	Total
Alexander	\$320	\$100			\$10	\$0	\$37		\$23		\$20	\$14	\$635
Alleghany and Grayson	86			\$140	1	1	2					8	541
Ashe	271			28	29	1	1		3			21	356
Atlantic	5,455	1,339	\$233		503	521	394	\$100	77	\$2,399	33	33	11,109
Beulah	1,276	67	20	20	181	70	73	47	45		15	17	1,800
Bladen	741	85	5	122	75	42	71	22	16	40	3	9	1,251
Brier Creek	750	75	100	250	4		11	246	11	1,246		13	1,200
Brushy Mountain	621			77	77	17	151	39	112			14	1,200
Buncombe	4,433	670	71	1,152	215	114	273		174	109		27	11,391
Caldwell	800	413	26		26	12	134	4	69	122	70	21	1,639
Cape Fear and Columbus	2,018	300	13	63	103	37	89	15	55	24	17	37	2,855
Carolina	434		15	11		116	25		39			18	658
Catawba River	1,077	326		81			212		150	108		10	1,855
Cedar Creek	680	480			77	81	73	9	83	53	16	15	1,876
Central	4,800	969	252	789	1,119	420	698	173	399	860	42	36	10,586
Chowan	8,528	1,683	202	1,142	446	223	345	151	210	720	11	68	13,148
Eastern	6,291	559	94	885	300	134	208	137	113	265	59	42	9,895
Elkin	713			275	8	5	6	1	21			11	1,191
Flat River	4,448	646	146		243	213	398	59	182	4,412	57	38	10,546
French Broad	359				178		29		33			24	623
Green River	2,803	440	26	535	259	198	319	8	35	2,744		33	7,199
Haywood	1,334	49	32	783	8	81	92	8	47	9			2,435
Kings Mountain	3,390				237	135	266	61	78	1,051	36	35	5,229
Liberty	1,731	130	20		165	97	166	83	294	690	30	26	3,425
Liberty and Ducktown	242					36						18	296
Little River	1,331	55		450	179	59	53	24	78		103	21	2,084
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	1,072				169	109	190	59	261		97	18	5,264
Mitchell	500	87	31			1	17		6	381		20	1,053
Montgomery	630	128		252	46	86	86	5	45	25		12	1,297
Mount Zion	7,187	1,499	316	499	740	293	477	151	358	393	118	50	12,414
New Found	311	16					42					19	389

APPENDIX.

Pee Dee	4,800	492	100	199	253	238	256	103	32	24	6,809
Piedmont	3,067	843	105	1,050	371	341	124	160	33	20	6,883
Pilot Mountain	3,426	2,514		4,462	530	308	164	264		28	13,333
Robeson	2,171	2,171	50		504	459	90	328	64	16	14,485
Raleigh	5,170	1,312	316	1,986	607	492	64	289	48	45	12,918
Sandy Creek	2,033	99		869	182	223	119	192	32	26	4,090
Sandy Run	1,643	183			127	198	44	68		27	2,975
South Fork	2,985	490		975	222	86	21	154	34	21	5,624
South River	2,294	171		749	379	140	18	55	15	23	4,332
South Yadkin	2,596	632		89	57	72	103	54		34	5,625
Stanly	878	220		273	81	44	15	76		14	1,639
Stone Mountain					104	2		7	3	10	136
Stony Fork						158		6		10	174
Tar River	10,356	2,004	354	1,375	1,429	497	182	766	78	62	19,716
Tennessee River						51		19		16	704
Three Forks	759	48	49	157	35	140		26	7	31	1,386
Transylvania	782	55	18			41	2	10		10	943
Tuckaseige	1,560			141	50	43	15	35		26	1,984
Union	1,851	263	31	285	148	200	30	97	8	40	3,384
West Chowan	7,248		340	1,590	691	720	344	395	85	60	12,819
Western North Carolina	295	126		6		13		15		15	490
Yadkin	1,054	132		28	28	38	5	66		19	2,888
Yancey	190			13	13	5		4	2	14	229
Total	123,672	20,941	3,005	24,603	11,341	9,335	2,794	6,055	29,592	2,113	243,031

NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

Associations.	Baptized	Restored to Mem- bership.	Excluded from Churches.	Deaths.	Total Membership of Churches	No. of Churches in Associations.	No. of Ordained Preachers	No. of Churches not Reporting to Association.	Reporting no Baptisms	Reporting Nothing for Missions.	Churches not Re- porting a S. S.
Alexander.....	167		16	13	2,328	17	12	1	6	4	8
Alleghany and Grayson.....	3	1	10		373	12	5	1	11	11	11
Ashe County.....	64	41	24	9	1,234	23	17	1	9	14	29
Atlantic.....	199	14	40	31	2,792	44	13		4		
Beulah.....	39	4	11	7	810	10					3
Bladen.....	36	19	18	18	1,851	33	16	10	24	14	12
Brier Creek.....	197	13	25	26	3,304	32	23	1	8	16	18
Brushy Mountain.....	54	7	33	16	1,448	18	9		4	1	5
Buncombe.....	221	18	62	33	3,306	26	24		9	9	4
Caldwell.....	165	23	26	22	2,038	26	16		2	12	6
Cape Fear and Columbus.....	183	32	48	37	3,089	59	21	11	26	15	28
Carolina.....	101	67	57	22	2,784	33	31	6	16	22	19
Catawba River.....	60	9	41	8	1,557	19	10	11	16	15	21
Cedar Creek.....	77	10	31	13	1,780	15	8		6		7
Central.....	284	59	65	32	3,326	26	21	1	2	3	3
Chowan.....	162	24	80	50	1,765	53	19	5	39	11	14
Eastern.....	176	37	181	70	6,122	61	25	4	29	4	19
Elkin.....	57	5	9	17	1,231	18	15		7	11	27
Flat River.....	243	32	64	50	3,565	34	19	1	11	4	6
French Broad.....	243	14	97	37	3,228	26	22	2	7	11	7
Green River.....	188	29	48	43	3,977	38	15	4	16	4	7
Haywood.....	114	15	22	9	1,780	17	11	5	2	10	7
Kings Mountain.....	290	22			5,278	33	16	2	9	3	7
Liberty.....	110	0	27	32	2,244	24	16	1	9	1	8
Liberty and Ducktown.....	183	15	13	20	1,618	23	16		6	17	3
Little River.....	39	5	71	22	1,183	24	13	2	14	2	4
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.....	138	18	46	24	2,130	22	13	2	10	6	7
Mitchell.....	172	53	67	19	2,407	27	20		6	22	12
Montgomery.....	72		8	10	837	15	6	1	7	3	7
Mt. Zion.....	361	23	110	65	5,247	42	16	4	13	2	13
New Found.....	81	10	44	16	1,420	21	21	1	7		13
Pee Dee.....	59	11	33	22	2,397	28	14	1	10	1	1
Piedmont.....	67	5	25	12	1,557	17	16		4		1
Pilot Mountain.....	237		60	39	3,902	41	15	1	9	1	6
Robeson.....	175	32	77	37	4,288	40	20	2	14	2	7
Raleigh.....	318	32	105	53	5,186	50	14	4	14	7	11
Sandy Creek.....	108		30	30	3,140	37	13	1	14	8	18
Sandy Run.....	162	13	36	40	4,708	24	15		2	3	4
South Fork.....	272	23	49	30	3,443	35	14	5	10	7	17
South River.....	94	10	80	39	2,171	31	14		16	1	17
South Yadkin.....	114	24	73	29	2,092	29	8	3	7	3	9
Stanly.....	79	6	31	20	1,608	19	13		7		8
Stone Mountain.....	28	1	4	2	698	11	11		7	6	3
Stony Fork.....	40	5	38	8	942	14	11	1	6	10	7
Tar River.....	522	41	68	68	7,711	78	32	12	26	6	7
Tennessee River.....	262	32	47	13	1,865	35	42	5	10	27	8
Three Forks.....	152	25	104	29	2,728	32	30		8	10	5
Tennessee.....	86	14	24	28	1,491	15	9		1	7	10
Tuckaseige.....	323	21	53	41	3,898	41	36		12	12	9
Union.....	187	17	72	32	3,130	30	12	1	7	5	5
West Chowan.....	520	103	128	88	9,415	47	18	1	10	1	6
Western North Carolina.....	98	12	27	17	1,753	22	20	1	12	12	5
Yadkin.....	226	19	51	32	3,020	34	31		5	10	11
Yancey.....	73	13	28	25	2,366	23	8	9	8	15	23
Total.....	8,521	1,087	2,637	1,506	154,811	1,605	904	124	539	412	542

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1899

Associations.	Number of Schools Reported.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars.	Total.	Contributions.	Expenses.	Number of Quarterlies
Alexander	7	13	463	476		\$16.00	
Alleghany and Grayson*							
Ashe*							
Atlantic	27	253	1,989	2,242	\$834.00		2,172
Beulah	8	47	278	325		43.00	169
Bladen	9	50	553	603	29.00	23.00	286
Brier Creek	13	78	677	755	75.00		370
Buncombe	15	110	1,816	1,926	1,383.00	296.00	
Caldwell	11	63	644	716	6.00	61.00	552
Cape Fear and Columbus	32	256	1,716	1,960	17.00	16.00	994
Carolina	22		1,222	1,222			
Catawba River	8	47	542	539	65.00	73.00	434
Cedar Creek	20	193	1,987	2,180	734.00	658.00	2,483
Chowan	45	575	4,235	4,810	159.00	728.00	4,264
Eastern	42	165	1,509	1,674	301.00	327.00	
Elkin							
Flat River	27	192	1,845	2,037	793.00	215.00	1,527
French Broad							
Green River	32	211	1,629	1,840		185.00	2,328
Haywood	8	67	1,106	1,173	164.50		
Kings Mountain	28	217	2,371	2,588	174.00	187.00	2,060
Liberty	16	102	1,114	1,216		100.00	1,310
Liberty and Ducktown	14		619	619		24.00	
Little River	19	129	986	1,105		68.00	672
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	16	153	1,253	1,106		373.00	2,990
Mitchell	14	78	779	867	6.00	119.00	
Montgomery	8	46	390	438	39.00	66.00	
Mt. Zion	29	298	2,755	3,051		815.00	3,946
New Found	8						
Pee Dee	26	177	1,575	1,752		320.00	1,894
Piedmont	17	137	1,594	1,731	287.00	380.00	925
Pilot Mountain	33	292	3,597	3,889	1,650.00		3,574
Robeson	38	177	1,222	1,399			
Raleigh	25	243	2,485	2,728	840.00	2,382.00	
Sandy Creek	10	77	449	526	41.00	62.00	
Sandy Run	22	155	1,123	1,278	32.00		3,229
South Fork	18	152	1,429	1,582			
South River	25	148	1,781	1,939		193.00	
South Yadkin	17	135	1,204	1,339	41.00	152.00	1,021
Stanly	12	88	658	746		42.00	1,059
Stone Mountain	8	51	418	469			
Stony Fork	7			441		6.00	
Tar River	72	553	4,903	5,456	763.00	1,140.00	5,844
Tennessee River	20		900	900			
Three Forks	27	71	1,496	1,567	9.00	70.00	1,038
Transylvania	11	62	715	777	25.00		
Tuckasegee	35	169	2,383	2,552	4.00	168.00	
Union	26	158	1,529	1,682		261.00	1,312
West Chowan	42	442	3,325	3,767			3,805
Western N C	13	34	399	433	32.00		
Yadkin	22	147	1,548	1,695	120.00		819
Yancey							
	990	6,808	67,243	73,720	8,609.00	9,575.00	55,071

*Churches reporting no Schools—Alleghany and Grayson, 12; Ashe, 28

Year	Place of Meeting.	President.	Recording Secretaries.
1830	Greenville, Pitt County	Patrick W. Dowd	R. S. Blount
1831	Rogers' X Roads, Wake County	do	N. G. Smith
1832	Reeve's Chapel, Chatham County	Wm. P. Biddie	A. J. Battle
1833	Cartledge's Creek, Richmond Co.	do	Amos J. Battle
1834	Cashie, Bertie County	Alfred Dockery	do
1835	Union Camp Ground, Rowan Co.	do	James McDaniel
1836	County Line, Caswell County	do	do
1837	May's Chapel, Chatham County	do	do
1838	Brown's, Sampson County	do	do
1839	Grassy Creek, Granville County	do	do
1840	Johnston Liberty, Johnston Co.	do	do
1841	do	do	do
1842	Meberlin, Hertford County	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1843	Boiling Springs, Henderson Co.	do	do
1844	Raleigh	Alfred Dockery	John B. White
1845	do	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1846	do	do	do
1847	Friendship, Cumberland County	Alfred Dockery	N. J. Palmer
1848	Rockford, Surry County	do	do
1849	Oxford	James McDaniel	do
1850	Louisburg	do	do
1851	Wilmington	do	do
1852	Smithfield	do	do
1853	New Bern	do	do
1854	Fayetteville	do	A. McDowell
1855	Warrenton	do	George W. Johnston
1856	Raleigh	do	J. B. Solomon
1857	Hertford	do	do
1858	Raleigh	do	do
1859	Charlotte	do	do
1860	Goldsboro	do	W. T. Brooks
1861	Raleigh	do	do
1862	Wake Forest	do	J. D. Hufham
1863	Raleigh	do	do T. J. Knapp Ass't Sec
1864	Warrenton	do	do
1865	Forestville	do	do C. E. Dunn, Assistant
1866	Raleigh	do	do W. J. Palmer
1867	Wilmington	do	do T. M. Hughes
1868	Goldsboro	do	J. L. Carroll, G. W. Sanderlin
1869	Hillsboro	Samuel G. Mason	do do
1870	New Bern	W. T. Brooks	do do
1871	Raleigh	do	do do
1872	Charlotte	do	do N. B. Cobb, N. B. Broughton
1873	Fayetteville	do	do do
1874	Warrenton	do	do C. M. Cooke
1875	Wilmington	J. M. Heck	do F. R. Underwood
1876	Shelby	John Kerr	J. D. Hufham, F. R. Underwood
1877	Raleigh	C. M. Cooke	do do
1878	Durham	John Kerr	do Wm. Biggs
1879	Charlotte	Wm. A. Graham Jr.	Wm. Biggs, George W. Greene
1880	Oxford	Needham B. Cobb	do N. L. Shaw
1881	Goldsboro	do	do N. B. Broughton
1882	Winston	do	do W. L. Wright
1883	Warrenton	J. C. Scarborough	N. B. Broughton, N. L. Shaw
1884	Edenton	do	do do
1885	Raleigh	do	do do
1886	Reidsville	C. T. Bailey	do G. W. Greene
1887	Wilmington	do	do do
1888	Durham	W. H. Pece	do do
1889	Greensboro	do	do do
1890	Henderson	L. L. Polk	do do
1891	Shelby	do	do do
1892	Goldsboro	R. H. Marsh	do N. B. Cobb
1893	Raleigh	do	do do
1894	Elizabeth City	do	do do
1895	Charlotte	do	do do
1896	Greensboro	do	do do
1897	Morganton	do	do H. C. Moore
1898	Oxford	do	do do
1899	Greenville	do	do do
1900	Asheville	do	do do

TABLE.

Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.
John Armstrong	Henry Austin	Samuel Wait.
do	do	John Armstrong.
do	do	Wm. P. Biddle.
do	Charles McAnster	David S. Williams.
do	do	(Minutes mutilated.)
do	William Roles	John Kerr.
do	Amos J. Battle	John Armstrong.
Wm. Hill Jordan	do	James S. Mims
do	do	John Armstrong.
do	do	J. J. Finch.
do	do	Wm. Hill Jordan.
do	do	J. J. Finch.
do	James S. Purefoy	Eli Phillips.
do	do	R. McNabb
S. J. Wheeler	do	G. M. Thompson.
J. J. Finch	do	W. F. Brooks.
do	do	J. S. Purefoy.
do	do	David S. Williams.
J. J. James	do	C. R. Hendrickson
Wm. A. Shaw	do	John B. White
John H. Lacy	do	Wm. Hooper.
do	do	James McDaniel.
do	do	R. I. Devin.
A. McDowell	do	A. McDowell.
T. S. Yarbrough	do	T. W. Tobey.
W. M. Wingate	do	(President reviewed history of Convention.)
do	do	T. E. Skinner.
T. E. Skinner	do	T. H. Pritchard
A. J. Emerson	do	J. S. Walthall.
do	do	H. Petty
B. F. Marable	S. S. Biddle	John Mitchell.
None	James S. Purefoy	N. B. Cobb
N. B. Cobb, Supt. Army Colp. and Miss	do	(No record.)
do Miss. and Colp	do	
do	do	
do Cor. Sec. S. S. Board	do	A. McDowell
W. T. Walters, Cor. Sec. State Miss. Board	do	J. B. Hardwick.
do Sec. State Miss. Board	do	Jas. P. Boyce of S. Carolina.
do do	do	J. L. Carroll.
do do	do	John Mitchell.
do do	do	J. L. Carroll
J. D. Hufham	do	William Royall.
do	John G. Williams	W. M. Wingate.
do	do	J. C. Hiden
do	do	R. H. Marsh.
J. B. Richardson	do	C. T. Bailey
do	do	H. A. Brown.
do	do	T. W. Babb.
do	do	(No record)
None	N. B. Broughton	J. A. Mundy.
None	Jordan Womb'e, Jr	R. H. Griffith.
John E. Ray	B. F. Montague	F. H. Jones.
do	do	T. E. Skinner.
do	do	H. A. Brown.
do	do	A. G. McManaway.
do	John T. Pullen	C. A. Jenkins.
do	do	J. M. McManaway.
do	T. H. Briggs	R. T. Vann.
C. Durham	Fabius H. Briggs	H. W. Battle.
do	W. S. Grandy	B. Cade.
do	J. D. Bonshall	J. S. Dill.
do	do	T. H. Pritchard.
do	do	Thomas Hume.
do	do	J. S. Hardaway.
do	do	J. W. Carter.
do	do	T. J. Taylor.
do	do	A. M. Simms.
John E. White	do	J. B. Richardson.
do	do	A. C. Barron.
do	do	W. S. Penick.
do	do	R. T. Vann.

ASSOCIATIONAL TABLE.

Association.	Place of Meeting.	Date
Alexander		Sept. 27.
Alleghany and Grayson	New Hope	Sept. 6.
Ashe	Buffalo	Oct. 9.
Atlantic	Morehead City	Oct. 18.
Benlah	Clement	Aug. 7.
Bladen		Nov. 8.
Brier Creek		Oct. 11.
Brushy Mountain	Zion Hill	Aug. 23.
Buncombe	Big Ivy	Aug. 14.
Caldwell	Union, No. 1	Sept. 20.
Cape Fear-Columbus	Spring Branch	Oct. 25.
Carolina		Oct. 11.
Catawba River	Mull's Chapel	Oct. 11.
Cedar Creek	Sharon	Oct. 11.
Central	New Hope	Oct. 9.
Chowan	Elizabeth City	May 22.
Eastern	Mount Olive	Oct. 9.
Elkin		Sept. 25.
Flat River	Roxboro	July 10.
French Broad		Aug. 22.
Green River	Dysartsville	Oct. 4.
Haywood		Aug. 27.
Kings Mountain	Double Spring	Sept. 20.
Liberty	Reed's Cross Roads	Aug. 21.
Liberty-Ducktown		Sept. 25.
Little River	Benson	Nov. 1.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	12th Street Church, Charlotte	Aug. 21.
Mitchell	Bakersville	Sept. 13.
Montgomery		Oct. 18.
Mount Zion	Graham	Oct. 9.
Neuse	Antioch	Oct. 23.
New Found		Aug. 9.
Pee Dee	Rockingham	Oct. 25.
Piedmont	Cherry Street, Greensboro	Aug. 30.
Pilot Mountain	Leaksville	Aug. 2.
Raleigh	Baptist Centre	Nov. 1.
Robeson		Oct. 16.
Sandy Creek		Oct. 11.
Sandy Run		Oct. 11.
South Fork	Bethel	Oct. 25.
South River	Macedonia	Oct. 24.
South Yadkin	Eaton's	Aug. 30.
Stanly	Locust Level	Nov. 8.
Stone Mountain	New Light	Sept. 20.
Tar River	Spring Hope	Oct. 16.
Tennessee River	Bryson City	Aug. 23.
Three Forks	Laurel Springs	Aug. 28.
Transylvania	Brevard	Oct. 18.
Tuckaseigee	Head of Tennessee	Aug. 16.
Union	Monroe	Oct. 11.
Western North Carolina		Aug. 28.
West Chowan	Potocasi	Oct. 30.
Yadkin		Aug. 16.
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STATISTICS BY STATES OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

STATE.	Associations	Churches.	INCREASE BY—			DECREASE BY—			Total Membership.	Colored Membership.	Aggregate Membership.		
			Baptism	Letter.	Statement.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.				Ereasure.	Death.
Alabama	78	1,757	6,170	5,512	210	573	5,922	1,531	488	1,056	127,949	176,238	304,187
Arkansas	47	1,354	2,599	2,446	31	447	3,266	1,233	---	698	71,223	55,128	126,351
District of Columbia	1	14	175	107	---	22	120	58	---	63	5,098	13,536	18,634
Florida	22	489	1,291	1,155	47	233	1,086	523	171	238	25,067	27,970	53,037
Georgia	76	1,986	9,214	8,010	25	847	9,188	2,213	152	1,816	183,268	218,149	401,417
Indian Territory and Oklahoma*	12	280	671	921	70	---	677	---	---	38	8,333	---	8,333
Kentucky	64	1,572	8,917	4,354	391	779	4,841	2,100	336	1,875	156,179	72,935	253,134
Louisiana	28	535	1,593	1,110	5	280	1,439	558	2	220	33,972	71,815	105,817
Maryland	3	89	414	210	---	50	102	287	---	103	10,286	5,513	15,829
Mississippi	53	1,205	3,794	2,880	17	475	3,093	1,115	214	788	95,997	199,027	294,994
Missouri	76	1,873	8,200	4,099	608	644	5,734	2,558	731	1,532	147,606	34,033	179,639
North Carolina	55	1,658	8,007	4,626	---	918	5,190	2,729	---	1,482	105,754	131,858	297,612
South Carolina	35	910	4,025	3,940	---	457	3,164	1,016	---	860	98,561	140,784	236,345
South Carolina	48	1,457	6,333	3,358	212	524	3,928	2,034	195	1,340	124,737	53,153	182,890
Tennessee	99	2,702	9,520	11,580	412	1,021	11,993	3,752	340	1,391	187,886	132,556	320,442
Texas	24	532	6,293	2,606	595	622	2,738	1,487	1,143	1,311	118,823	230,255	349,078
Virginia	24	532	6,293	2,606	595	622	2,738	1,487	1,143	1,311	118,823	230,255	349,078
Other States (Am. Bap. Year Book, 1899)	721	18,873	77,243	57,559	2,493	7,938	62,421	23,514	3,778	14,831	1,580,709	1,561,030	3,147,739
Total United States													1,006,682
Other countries (Eng Bap H'd B'k, 1899)													4,154,421
Baptist membership in the world													786,701
													4,941,122

* Cooperating with Southern Baptist Convention.
 Colored membership taken from Am. Bap. Year Book, 1899; doubtless an overestimate in several States.





